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First Christian Church

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"Reaching In-Reaching Out"
Richard L. Hamm, Editor
Volume XLV January 6, 1988 No. 1

FROM THE OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE

On Sunday, January 10, we are privileged to have a special guest with us. Juanita Mendenhall will be speaking to all interested youth and adults on the subject of teenage pregnancy. Mrs. Mendenhall is a teacher at South Side High School and comes to us highly recommended. The Outreach & Service Committee invites you to meet with us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The sock and mitten tree in Fellowship Hall yielded 11 pairs of socks, 22 pairs of gloves and mittens, and 23 caps. These items were sent to Cleveland Christian home this week. Thanks to all who donated!

MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE

This Sunday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., at Plymouth Congregational (W. Berry St.). This annual event in honor of Dr. King will feature the Rev. Sam Sylvester who worked with him. Great music, preaching, and fellowship!

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D.M.A. (ALL WELCOME)

Our D.M.A. Fellowship will take a respite from winter by visiting the Botanical Gardens on Friday, January 15. We'll meet for lunch at the Window Garden (13 floor of the Summit Bank Bldg.) and then go to the gardens about 12:30. Come and join the fun. See the new winter display.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Our group will meet on Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Come and see what you can do about hunger!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:30 p.m. JANUARY 12

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WOMEN

Don't forget the C.W.F. General Meeting and Work Day to be held Saturday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. The Rachel Circle will be the hostesses.

TAPES AVAILABLE

Tapes of the services are available from the church office for $1.50 each. If you would enjoy having one at any time you may call the church office or speak to one of the ministers.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Gwynth Rice is moving to be with family after 44 years here at First Christian! Our thoughts and prayers go with her. Her new address is 2049 Shortline Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36116.

Mel Phillips, Executive Director of Associated Churches, had a stroke last week. He is in Lutheran Hospital.

Carolyn Bernhard, daughter of Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, was taken to the hospital last Friday for emergency treatment. Our prayers are with her and all the family. She is in ElCahon, California and Ripples are there with her.

Donna Byers has gone to Chicago where she will have surgery later this month.

THANK YOU

Ralph and Helen Reynolds would like to thank members of the congregation, and the ministers, for their cards, calls, visits, and Christmas remembrances. It is good to be a part of such a loving family of faith.

JOYS

Kris Ohneck is the new Chairperson of the 1989 Retreat For Women Planning Committee for the Regional Office!

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP - will meet on Monday, January 11, 1988 at 9:15 a.m. at the church.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Don Wiltfong! -- in jeans, needing a ladder! He and the family were here working on the house. Good to see him and catch up on their news and adventures in Edinburgh.....Linn Bartling, measuring office and planning how to move in.....Chris Hamilton searching for his "surprise" from Creative Arts, finished for him by the other children in his absence.....Sara Emily Louise Brey peacefully sleeping through the adoration of everybody at Fellowship Time after church. Sara Emily Louise is less than 2 weeks old!.....Members of Chancel Choir coming willingly at 10:00 a.m. to put together an anthem. Super group!.....Dick and Mindy, David, and Laura, suffering from weathershock! -- hey! the sun's out! It's better than it was!.....Decorations, wreaths, trees, holly, ribbons, going down after a beautiful Advent-Christmas season, to rest from celebration until another year goes by. Grateful hearts go to all who helped make it so special, especially to Laura York who pured so much time and self into these past 6 weeks. Thank you, Laura.....Happy New Year!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Charles Hatten, 5128 Standish Drive; Harriet Bitler, 4226 Hoagland Avenue; Michael Jones, Webster, North Carolina; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Miller & Family, Elwood, Indiana.

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

Bob and Jane Williams are our global mission partners. They are supported through our gifts to Basic Mission Finance. They serve in the tiny African nation of Lesotho (pronounced Leh-su-tu). Following is some information about Lesotho.

LESOTHO & THE CHURCH

Lesotho is a beautiful, mountainous kingdom only slightly larger than Maryland. The nation's founder, King Moshoeshoe I (pronounced Mo-Shway-Shway) created the kingdom in the mid-18th century. Sufficiently unified and organized, the tiny country was able to prevent being overrun by the powerful Zulu King Shaka. But later, as a result of various disputes with neighbors and British protection from the Boers in 1868, Lesotho lost the most productive part of its territory. Lesotho's people declared independence from the British on October 4, 1968.

Lesotho has about a million and a half people with a per capita gross national product of $280. Sixty-eight percent of the population lives in absolute poverty. Agriculture employs 83% of the working population and constitutes 20% to 30% of the gross domestic product. Lesotho's land suffers severe soil erosion due to overgrazing, and development is inhibited by a complicated, archaic land tenure system. The chief commercial products are wool, mohair, diamonds, wheat, and cattle. The country has great health care needs. Currently there is only one doctor per 20,500 people and only 17% of the population has access to safe drinking water. Life expectancy in Lesotho is 50 years.

Lesotho is economically dependent on South Africa. Geographically surrounded by its powerful neighbor, many of Lesotho's people work across the border to receive the higher wages and salaries offered in South Africa. In addition, South Africa is Lesotho's chief trading partner and the majority of tourists coming to beautiful Lesotho are South Africans. Tourism is the country's second largest source of foreign exchange.

Political relations with South Africa in the past have been very tense. At times, Lesotho has expressed opposition to South Africa's apartheid policies. Yet, as an "ant living next door to an elephant," it is forced to balance carefully its distaste for apartheid with pragmatic considerations. South Africa has repeatedly attacked Lesotho, enforced tight border controls which limited or cut off vital food and energy supplies, and demanded expulsion of South African refugees from Lesotho. In January, 1986, a military coup in Lesotho established a government more favorable to South African interests. Although the South African government denied any part in the coup, a week after the event, 60 members of the African National Congress, the leading opposition group to the South African government, were deported from Lesotho and the South African government lifted a previous economic blockade against Lesotho.

Even with the current South African supported military government, many of Lesotho's citizens feel as though some progress has been made in the area of human rights in Lesotho itself. The vigilante groups that roamed the country with machine guns slung over their shoulders have largely disappeared. Summary imprisonment has also been reduced. Yet, many people wonder when and how the current rulers will promote the establishment of a constitutional, civilian democracy as they have repeatedly promised.

LESOTHO EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Today the churches in Lesotho play a prominent role as in the past. The distinguished Lesotho Evangelical Church was founded in 1833 and is nearly as old as North American Disciples. By 1985, almost 93% of the people were counted as professing Christians. Today, the country's education is handled by three main churches (the Lesotho Evangelical Church, the Roman Catholic, and the Anglican Church) under the direction of the Ministry of Education. Both Roman Catholics and Protestants work ecumenically through the Christian Council of Lesotho (CCL), an organization that sponsors refugee and development work. North American Disciples relate directly to this organization and to the 200,000 member Lesotho Evangelican Church (LEC). Disciples participate in that church's medical, educational and pastoral ministries through material aid and personnel. Currently there are five Disciples assigned to missionary posts in Lesotho -- Joanne Brown, David and Roxi Owen, and Bob and Jane Williams. Warren and Alice Brooks are assigned to Swaziland.

Prepared by Division of Overseas Ministries

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ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Chip Olson

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8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, J. Myers, Jt. Myers

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USHERS

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Ohneck - J. Bushey
P. Mullen - B. Hayes
M. Grimm - S. Callahan
B. Johnson - M. Crouse

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

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12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
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Mike Mullen (15)
Jeff Young (15)
Calvin Jones (17)
Leann Penny (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
David Alexander (19)
Robert Finkhousen (19)
Chanel Novachcoff (19)
Chip Olson (19)
Mark Snyder (20)
Michael Stone (20)
Daniel Auer (21)
James Plummer (21)
Jim Bushey (21)

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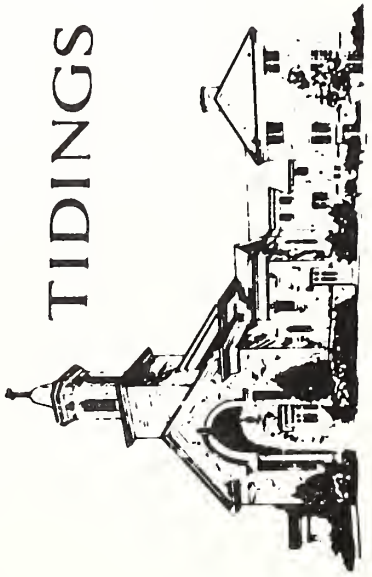

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WOMEN

Come join us for some good clean fun - the Christian Women's Fellowship will hold a general meeting on Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m. which will be followed by a work session at the church.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Esther Whitton is home.
Opal Perkins is now at Lawton Park Nursing Home.
Bob Hendrick's sister died early Sunday morning in Auburn.
Miriam Bixenman had hip surgery Saturday.
Becky Stucky has throat surgery Wednesday.
Glenna Chandler is moving back to West Virginia. We hate to lose her!

THANK YOU'S

What wonderful caring friends you are! Thank you so much for all your lovely cards and many visits while I was in the hospital. Dick and Helen's visits were deeply appreciated by me and my family. Thank you all for your prayers.
Margaret Snouffer

I wish at this time to thank all who remembered me at the time of my recent illness. The Progressive Class for the Poinsettia Plant and all your prayers.
Esther Whitton

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Please join us!

ANYONE FOR RINGING?

The Carillon is in need of another ringer. The choir meets Thursday afternoons at 5:30 and practices until 6:45. It is not necessary to have rung before, but it is helpful to be able to read music. If you would enjoy being a part of this unusual and beautiful choir, please call Helen at the church or at home. Thanks.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Troubles with regulating the heating system -- too hot, too cold -- but John can fix anything! The bitter cold weather has had its effects. At any rate, how nice to see the sun. It could be worse.....A first.....congregation laughing out loud at the end of the anthem! How sweet it is! Wonder why we speak so much about the joy of Christianity and seldom look like it, act like it, or laugh like it!.....Carillon and Chancel Choirs will really miss Glenna Chandler. She has meant much to us.....Groups starting up again after Christmas.....D.M.A., Circles, Study Groups, Creative Arts, Parent's Night Out, etc. Have you found your niche yet?.....Happy New Year thanksgiving to our silent angels: Jewel Byrket and Kate Cullen who get the Tidings ready for mailing every Wednesday morning; Mary Wilhelm who works every Thursday afternoon answering the phone and stapling bulletins so that Diane can bring the books up to date; Ann Pittenger who comes in every Monday morning to record attendance; Vince Wells who is special care-taker of the doors and windows of the choir room on Sunday and collects the "alms" for the offering from members of the choir. Thank you all. Sometimes its the little things that help so very much more than anybody realizes.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-10-88

Bob & Maxine Harter, 438 Huffman Street; Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Blair, Sr., 4022 Tacoma Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. George Perkins, Anchorage, KY.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm hopeful that a good number of people will take advantage of the opportunities before us right now: the Associated Churches "Winter Thaw", my seminar on God's will, and the newly forming Neighborhood Task Force. I'm sure one or another of these will speak to every one of us.

1988 should be the best year we will have had in twelve years in terms of new members joining. Whether or not this really comes to pass depends upon whether you and I do our jobs of inviting people to worship and making it a point to greet them and assist them in any way possible when they actually do come. Who could you invite? We have to think about this, because our first response is to think "nobody". But if we think about it, we all know people at work or in our neighborhood who are not in a church. Let's make 1988 a great year for growth!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is entitled "Fellowship".

FIRST REACHES OUT!

1987 OUTREACH SUMMARY REPORT

There is much to celebrate and much to be concerned about as we look at 1987. A church's budget is a theological statement: that is, it states "loud and clear" what a congregation's real priorities are. We can celebrate the following statistics:

—Given to various outreach concerns: $23,260.10

--In addition, we gave the following special offering amounts:

Week of Compassion -	$ 523.10
Easter	931.52
Pentecost	430.97
Reconciliation	546.68
Thanksgiving	468.31
Christmas	587.80

--In addition, we gave $1,479.89 to the pantry/food bank program.

--Total outreach giving for 1987: $28,216.37.

However, these numbers do fall about $8,700.00 short of what we had hoped to do out of our operational budget. Because of the importance of outreach, the Board has committed itself to carry this amount over as a deficit at the beginning of 1988. We are hopeful that we can "catch up" on 1987 while keeping "on top" of our 1988 outreach commitments.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 A.M. Neighborhood Task Force Meeting

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 22-28

Harriett Cole (23)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)
Phyllis Tryon (24)
Mimi Westerfield (24)
Marilyn Rieke (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Linda Stover (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Dorothy Green (27)
Metta Stucky (27)
Karen Bushey (27)
Bill Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)

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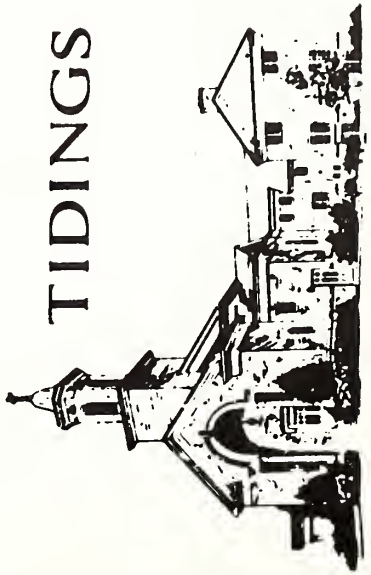

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

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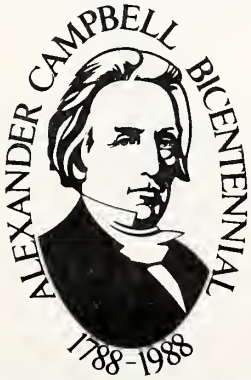
This is a great opportunity to hear someone from Nicaragua, and to learn about and celebrate the life of Associated Churches.

FATHER-SON BANQUET - MARK CALENDAR NOW

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Father-Son Banquet, Saturday, February 6, noon. Details next week!



Alexander Campbell was born September 11, 1788, in northern Ireland. He was author, editor, and publisher; educator and college president; preacher, lecturer, and debater; gentleman farmer and sheepherder. Committed to the uniting of Christians under the teachings of the New Testament, Campbell traveled extensively, spoke eloquently, and left an indelible mark on the Christian Church of the 19th century.

COMMITTEES MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 7:00 P.M.

Christian Education will not meet.

Our Prayer List

Miriam Bixenman will be home by the time you read this. The address is: 8709 E. S.W. 96th Street, Ocala, FL 32676/

Donna Byers is recuperating from hip surgery at her daughter's home: 265 W. Thacker Street, Hoffman Estates, ILL 60194.

Gwynth Rice's new address is: 2049 Shortline Drive, Montgomery, AL 36116.

Esther Whitton has moved to the Riverview Residential.

Rev. Mel Phillips is recovering at home.

Emily Walton, Jack & Janet Weicker's daughter, is in Parkview for therapy on her knee following surgery.

Ann Pittenger is in St. Joseph for tests.

THANK YOU

Our thanks goes to the following ladies who helped on the C.W.F. work day last Saturday, cleaning the kitchen and sanctuary: Evelyn Yeoman, Gini Brown, Kris Ohneck, Mindy Hamm, Sherry Lytle, Judy Mey, Sandy Zimmerman, Ethel Allen, Opal Carper, Edna Nordblom, Betty Grimm, Laura York, and Linda Stover.

INSTALLATION

The Rev. Terry Noller, pastor of West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, will be installed Sunday, January 24, at 3:00 p.m. Our congregation is invited. The church is located at 845 W. Creighton Avenue.

T.V. CONCERNS

Are you concerned about the moral quality of programming on television? Much has been written about it, much has been said. If you are interested in becoming part of a T.V. Concerns Task Force that would meet to consider the issues and to formulate action, please call the church office (744-3239) and indicate your interest. If enough interest is expressed, we will call the group into being.

NOTICE TO C.W.F.

The C.W.F. will be going to the Byron Health Center on Monday, February 8. More details later.

NOTE: Dates for church calendar for the month of February are due into the office by Monday, January 25. Thank you.

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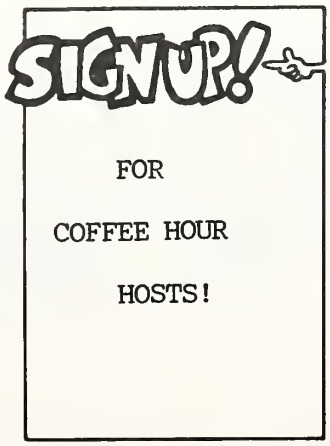
Melissa Weaver, 1501 Elmrow Drive; Mr. Edward Kern, 3202 Dinnen Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mishler, 518 Villa Park Court; Pat Mishler, 1639 Marion Waldo Road, #71, Marion, Ohio, Mrs. Jerry Wirick, 4009 Ravenscliff Place.



The Coffee Hour Sign-Up Sheet is in Fellowship Hall. We need you to make this successful!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

One of the strengths of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lays in the fact that, while we take education for ministry seriously, we also firm the centrality of lay leadership in our life and work. This Sunday, January 25, is Lay Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate our excellent lay leaders here at First Christian Church. Not all of our lay leaders can participate as leaders of the service, but we will have a nice representational contingent in the chancel.

Our speaker Sunday will be Eunice Conrad, a woman I have come to love and respect. Eunice teaches at the Fort Wayne Bible College and teaches our Gospel Seekers Sunday School Class. She is a committed yet wonderfully talented person, a real Disciple! I am really looking forward to her message Sunday.

The time of Linn Bartling's arrival is fast approaching. Dave Kreischer and John Perry have been working this week to get her office ready. She has already started bringing in boxes of stuff. Ministers all seem to be "pack rats", you know?! I think we take some sense of security from all our trappings and "stuff." Some of it is resources, some of it momentos of past work and those precious relationships with people that make ministry the joy that it is.

Take care this week. Don't get washed away by the rain -- just remember, it could be snow!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Diaconate holding hands in a circle in the Narthex singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds".....John sanding doors in the kitchen preparatory to them being painted by Dave for Linn's office.....Diane's big smiles about new (used, actually - new to us) copying machine! How sweet it is! Imagine a smudgeless letter!.....Ohneck's, Orr's, Stover's, at Bandidos celebrating Loretta's birthday after choir.....Children's jazzy singing about the Prodigal Son attracking a parent or two who joined in for fun.....Very friendly visitors at coffee time after church!.....Cherry cheese cake wasn't bad either.....

Dan Mory and Mike Walsh made the all-city band! Congratulations.....Mildred Hartman's wonderful pink hat!.....and CWF working so hard cleaning on Saturday that a few were ill on Sunday. The sanctuary looks beautiful. Thank you, Ladies..... Jim Sablic coming in sweater only. How nice the warmer weather is even if it is rainy.....

SERVING JANUARY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, S. Smith, N. Mennewisch

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom

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D. Kampenga - C. Falbe
C. Olson - J. Franklin
B. Ludwig - K. Graham
D. Parlette - M. Hamm

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Harold & Edna Nordblom

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Karen Bushey & Jo Sickafoose

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10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:
594 - Mrs. Ann Pittenger

PARKVIEW:
506 - Mrs. Edith Roush

LUTHERAN:
784 - Mrs. Gladys Harshbarger

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 25
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
7:30 P.M. Winter Thaw at First Presbyterian Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship - Grades K-5th
7:15 P.M. "Knowing & Understanding God's Will" Seminar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
8:30 A.M. Sunshine Committee - Breakfast at the church

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4
Jack Bennett (29)
Jaynie Bonahoom (29)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Urich (30)
Bobbi Lindsay (1)
James Sands (1)
Anita Fitch (2)
Judy Mey (2)
Muriel Plitts (2)
Patricia Endly (3)
Roger Gross (4)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Eric Mory (4)
Ruth Yentes (4)
Wanda Hamm (4)

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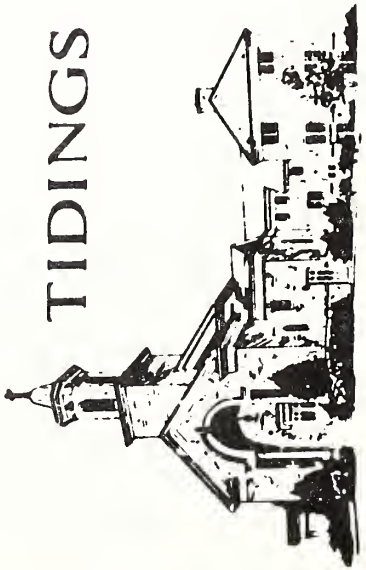

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FATHER-SON-BANQUET - FEBRUARY 6, NOON, SATURDAY

Bring your son (or father) or a surrogate and enjoy some fellowship together! Marvelous Marv Crouse will bring us a magic show after a delicious meal!

RSVP by calling the church office as soon as possible, no later than February 3.

Free will offering for the meal.

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NURSERY REMODELING UNDERWAY

Our nurseries are beginning to change! Jim Bushey has put a "dutch" door between the two rooms and soon electric baseboard heaters will be installed to assure even warmth. Ceilings, paint, carpet, furniture, and toys will follow. Watch it develope! A gift from the family of Emma Schell and a gift from the estate of Mabel Cross is making this possible (along with much volunteer labor).

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SKIING ANYONE?

Our Fellowship Committee has planned a day of skiing on Saturday, February 20, at Swiss Valley (only about 90 minutes from Fort Wayne). We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return late. Cost is $29.00 for lift and ski rental. Beginners welcome. Meals extra.

Come and join the fun! Call the church office to R.S.V.P. by February 1. Call Ken Taylor (485-5348) or Dick Hamm for more info.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, BOARD - 7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 8:00 A.M., ELDERS' STUDY GROUP
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, FEBRUARY 17, 7:30 P.M.

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T.V. CONCERNS

Are you concerned about the moral quality of programming on television? Much has been written about it, much has been said. If you are interested in becoming part of a T.V. Concerns Task Force that would meet to consider the issues and to formulate action, please call the church office (744-3239) and indicate your interest. If enough interest is expressed, we will call the group into being.

THANK YOU'S

Donna Byers sends thanks from Chicago for the cards and prayers.

Miriam Bixenman is home, as is Becky Stucky, and they, too, say thanks for the remembrances.

A neighbor of the church (Carol Ward) writes: Dear Dick, Please send along a thank you to a really kind gentlemen, a member of your Church, our Lincoln stalled on me at Pettit and Calhoun. I went to use your phone to call Al when I was rescued by the unnamed gentlemen who got the car started and pulled it into the lot at the corner.

It gives a gal a warm feeling to know there are such helpful people in this crazy world!

I want to express my appreciation for the love and encouragement extended to me during my recent hospital stay, with a special warm thank you to Dick & Helen for their visits. It's great to be associated with such a caring group as I've found at First Christian.

Ann Pittenger

PRAYER & CONCERN

Russell Stungis is still having problems with the aftermath of shingles. He is now living with his daughter, 2191 Kolb Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

WOMEN: Remember our local project at the Women & Children's Center of the Rescue Mission. They are filled to capacity at this time. We have purchased diapers and varying personal items so our funds are -0. The women are so grateful for your assistance. The collection box for donated items is in Fellowship Hall. We make deliveries the middle of the month.

AMERICAN-GERMAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

One of the results of the Festival Choir's trip to Europe last summer has been a continuing youth exchange program. Last summer 22 youth from the Rhineland - Pfaltz area were in Fort Wayne for a week, and so this summer June 15 - July 5 we have the opportunity to send our youth to Germany as a part of this cultural exchange. The purpose is simply to become acquainted with people and customs other than our own. There are three or four remaining openings, and so the invitation is extended to members and friends of the congregations of the Festival Choir. We invite you to consider this opportunity for youth ages 15-22. The group will be very well chaperoned, and the cost is for transportation only. Housing, meals, and transportation in Germany will be taken care of by hosts & hostesses there, the same as it was taken care of for them by host & hostesses here -- Festival Choir members. Please call Helen at the church or at home if you are interested and have questions. It would be an extraordinary experience for the young people.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-24-88

Mr. James Hall, 6321 Reserve Line Road; Mrs. Connie Berlin, 4522 Beaver Avenue.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

February is a month full of excitement and inspiration this year. For example:

February 1, Linn Bartling, Minister of Education arrives
February 6, Saturday, noon, Father-Son Banquet
February 14, Sunday, 10:45 a.m.: Parent-Child Dedication
February 17, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service
February 21, Sunday, all morning: "Friends of the Groom" Drama Troop are with us.

I hope you'll note each of these occasions as they apply to you. 1988 is going to be a great year! You can see the February calendar is "chocked full" of other opportunities as well. Who will you be inviting to come with you?

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's Sermon is entitled, "Peter, this is Jesus", based on John 1:35-42.

SCENE FROM FIRST

A very special Laity Sunday yesterday with Eunice Conrad and a very human Jonah.....Lessons to be learned and heeded.....Grateful hearts to her, to Laura for all the intricacies of putting together such a service, and to all who served: Dick Mory, Laura York, Judy Church, Ralph Church, Valetta Parlette, Sue Oden, Pat Mullen, Don Kampenga, Dick Vanderwall -- and always to Jerry who played the services. Many, many thanks for a memorable service!.....We are very sorry to have missed listing David Hamm as a chosen one for the All-City Orchestra. Nobody told us, not even his father who is "editor" of this paper!.....A different experience for the children in Creative Arts, seeing a video of Peace Child, an internationally produced musical involving children and youth in the U.S.A. and Moscow -- a powerful presentation.....A satisfied Lenelle Ross who may be one of a dozen in this congregation who grew up with the tune in the hymn book to In Christ There Is No East or West and could sing it enthusiastically. Lenelle is a former Episcopalean.....Did you notice the train on the insert to the flyer in the bulletin? It was drawn by Sherry Lytle.....adorable!

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8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield and Bert Leversee

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, K. Graham-NW, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay

10:45 A.M. K. Tobias-SW, M. Hamm-NW, D. Ross-SE, J. Wagoner-NE, C. Miller, D. Miller, M. Piatt, J. Franklin

USHERS

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12:00 NOON Father-Son Banquet

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Elizabeth Pattengale (5)
Stan Horine (6)
Susan Knuckles (6)
Emma Phillips (6)
Elinor Place (7)
Larry Brey (7)
Nancy Smith (8)
Betty Harter (9)
Sharon Knuckles (9)
Steve White (9)
Ken Place (10)
Marvin Crouse (11)
Kent Gaskill (11)

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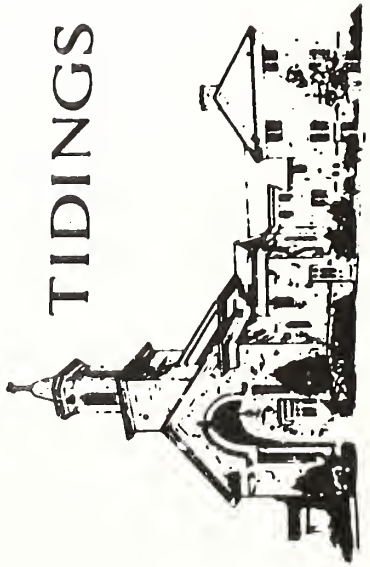

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FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER ---

A booklet of Devotions for the Lenten season will be mailed to members of the congregation soon. If you would like yours to be a large print edition, please call the church office by Monday, February 8!

VISITORS' INFORMATION MEETING

If you've been visiting First Christian and would like to learn more about our congregation and the denomination, you're invited to join us Sunday, February 7, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., in the church parlor (just north of the sanctuary - follow the signs). You'll also have an opportunity to meet a few of our members.

Join us! Members are also welcome.

DRAMA WORKSHOP HERE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

"The Friends of the Groom" will be here at First Christian to do a city-wide workshop sponsored by Associated Churches and First Christian Church. If you enjoy participating in church drama, or think you might, come to this delightful workshop Saturday, February 20, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. The troop will also offer a public performance that evening at 7:00 p.m., here. Cost is $5.00. Call the church office to RSVP (744-3239).

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ELDERS' STUDY GROUP - Saturday, February 13, 8:00 A.M.
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, February 17, 7:30 P.M.

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Lowell Gorman, Phyllis Fitch's brother died last week. His funeral was Saturday. Phyllis came home from Phoenix to be with family.

Ann Pittenger's sister, Vallie Rogers, died last week. Her funeral was Saturday. We remember Ann who had just been discharged from the hospital.

Chloe Conner died last Sunday. Her funeral will be in Kenton, Ohio on Wednesday of this week. Our prayers are with her family.

Romane Cole had surgery at Lutheran on Saturday, but expects to be home quickly.

Helen Sheerin is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Margaret Snouffer went home from the Lutheran Hospital on Saturday.

Sandy Zimmerman's father (lives near Akron) has been readmitted to the hospital and is quite serious. Sandy will stay with her mother this week to help.

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Call Linda Stover at 745-0252 if you are planning on going by Sunday, February 7!

Contrary to published reports, I am neither superwoman nor an unrepentant pack rat. I'm merely a conservationist of good, bad, and indifferent junque!

Thank yous to John who cheerfully toted my junque, to Dave Kreischer for the fresh coat of paint on my office, to Diane for answering a million questions, and to Dick for declaring February name tag month! I feel warmly welcomed and look forward to meeting and working with you all.

Love,

Linn

DISCOVER EDU-CARE 1988

February 19-20	Indianapolis, Indiana
March 4-5	Ypsilanti, Michigan

Join teachers and leaders from other congregations in a learning group experience on subjects from Bible study to teaching children. A complete list of courses is posted on the bulletin board inside the south door. These are not only good events for learning new skills but for fellowship and worship. Contact Linn for registration and scholarship information.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The response to our love offering has been terrific. We will publish a total figure next week, but we are presently about two-thirds of the way to our $20,000.00 goal. There is still time to participate this Sunday or by mail. The Board must make its decisions regarding the budget on Tuesday, February 9. I'm feeling very confident. I thank God for the faith you all exhibit in this church and its future!

Linn Bartling has arrived! It will, of course, take her awhile to get settled and oriented, but I'm truly excited about her being with us. The staff will begin "visioning" with her and "picking her brain" this week.

I think I see the tip of a tulip or crocus in one of our flower beds! Can asparagus and spring be far behind?

Take care and have a super week!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is based on I Corinthians 9:19-23, 10:31-33 and is entitled "All Things to All Men?"

SCENE FROM FIRST

Welcome to Linn Bartling! Wonderful to have her here!.....Many thanks to the congregation at 10:45 for its indulgence of the "mistake" of the Music Minister. What happened was that choir said anthem was so short (2 minutes), "why can't we sing it twice?" Thinking fast about how to gracefully get out of that without quelling enthusiasm, she promised that if there was applause, they could repeat it, never dreaming such would happen! Applause happened; the promise was fulfilled. She was off the hook! Thank you.....The lesson is: for whatever noble reason, never make a promise you can't keep!....Becky Krull managing her crutches like a pro -- many long weeks of confinement.....Kirk Spencer remarking that he never realized the church had so many steps -- after a bout with pneumonia.....Sunshine Committee having a happy sharing time at breakfast on Saturday.....Neat wedding Saturday night with a choir in the balcony!.....Perhaps we should all learn to say Amen with Curt Miller's style.....Welcome home Mike Mullen from Paris!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-31-88

Kathryn Lybarger, 1411B Stonehenge Place, Montgomery, Alabama; Mr. George Perkins, Anchorage, Kentucky.

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10:45 A.M. Deb Knudsen

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ST. JOSEPH:

619 - Helen Sheerin
408 - Roger Gross

BIRTHDAYS (continued)

Bill Howard (15)
Karen Doehrman (16)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16) Julie Stucky (16)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
12:30 P.M. C.W.F. meet at church to go to Byron Health Center
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
7:30 P.M. "Winter Thaw" at First Presbyterian Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship - Grades K-5th
7:15 P.M. "Knowing & Understanding God's Will" Seminar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 A.M. Elders' Breakfast Study
9:30 A.M. Neighborhood Task Force Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:45 P.M. Parent-Child Dedication
6:00 P.M. Associated Churches annual meeting at First Presbyterian

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BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 12-18

Bill DeVinney (12)
Jeanetta Lahmeyer (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Kevin Tobias (13)
Robert Neal (14)
Gene Bozarth (14)
Arlynn Call (14)
Scott Creager (14)
Merle Grimm (14)
Richard Overmyer (14)

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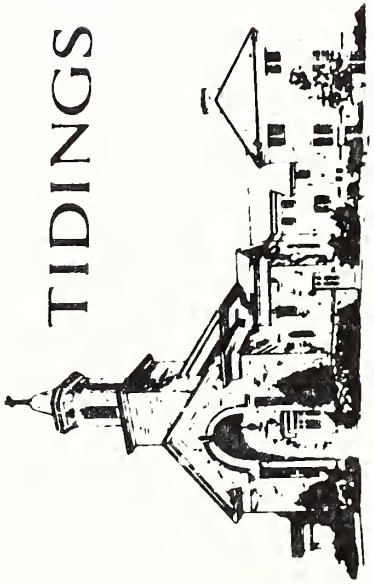

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D.M.A. FELLOWSHIP (ALL WELCOME)

The D.M.A. will meet at the Southtown MCL Cafeteria for lunch at noon followed by a speaker from the Allen County Bar Association. Our speaker will be an attorney who will speak and answer questions about legal concerns of senior citizens. Bring a guest!

DRAMA WORKSHOP HERE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

"The Friends of the Groom" will be here at First Christian to do a city-wide workshop sponsored by Associated Churches and First Christian Church. If you enjoy participating in church drama, or think you might, come to this delightful workshop Saturday, February 20, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. The troop will also offer a public performance that evening at 7:00 p.m., here. Cost is $5.00. Call the church office to RSVP (744-3239).

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE

This week, Saturday, February 13, 10:30 a.m., Karen Patterson of the city's Development & Planning Commission will be here to share with us. All are welcome to attend this meeting and/or become a part of this Task Force which is studying the neighborhoods within a one mile radius of our buildings.

COMING FEBRUARY 21 - "THE FRIENDS OF THE GROOM"

This outstanding drama troop will be here at First Christian for a drama workshop on Saturday, February 20, and will have the sermon time on Sunday, February 21, both services. This will be delightful and inspirational. Plan to be here and to bring guests.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Teacher's Meeting Monday, February 15, 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room. Help give shape to the Christian Education program at First. R.S.V.P. to Diane or Linn at 744-3239.

Primary through Senior High Sunday School classes are cancelled for Sunday, February 21, so children can participate in a special drama program in fellowship hall. Adult classes are cordially invited to participate too. A special intergenerational time for Bible stories and more. Come and join the fun!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Now is the time for the last fling, a time of parties and celebration, of masks, and dancing, and laughter before the beginning of Lent and the 40 days of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of this sacrificial time. The service in the evening is one of penitence and prayer. We invite you to come on Wednesday evening, February 17, at 7:30, as we begin our Lenten journey together.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Homer Stevenson died last Friday quite suddenly. His funeral is to be at the church this week on Tuesday.

Richard Polk died last week. Dick and his wife, Helen, joined our fellowship last spring, moving here from Gary, Indiana. Helen will continue for now in their apartment, 6510 Covington Road.

Elizabeth Dull's mother died January 20 here in Fort Wayne. She was 98. Elizabeth thanks the Progressive Class and others for their cards and prayers.

Roger Gross had surgery last week and is home.

Helen Sheerin is home after a stay for tests at St. Joseph.

Laurell Cole is a patient at the Veterans Hospital.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mary Crouse for providing excellent entertainment for our Father-Son banquet. Thanks to Kris Ohneck, Marge Thomas, Karen Bushey, and Evelyn Yeoman for providing the meal!

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your cards, letters, telephone calls, and prayers since I fell and broke my right hip. I especially enjoyed the Banet's brief visit.

I am home from the hospital now and am able to walk with a walker and am doing fine. I do keep Peggy pretty busy waiting on me, though.

Any of you coming to Florida, do call and stop by. The welcome mat is always out!

I'm reminded of a little verse:

"Of all good friends,
Old friends are best,
Friends who have stood times and test."

You know, that includes all of you.

Love,
Miriam Bixenman

Please accept my thanks for your many prayers and expression of sympathy in the recent loss of my sister. Your words of comfort and understanding have helped to ease the sorrow.

Ann Pittenger

CONGRATULATIONS

Gary & Becky Nunnally are the proud new parents of a son, Gregory Scott, born January 17, arrived home February 1, 1988. He weighed 8 lb., 12½ oz., and was 20½ inches long. Their address is: 150 W. Adams, Franklin, Indiana 46131. Congratulations!

NAME TAG MONTH

February marks one year since we got our name tags, so we are celebrating by declaring February name tag month! Please be extra certain to wear your name tag every Sunday in February. If you have lost yours, or for some other reason need a new one, please contact the church office as soon as possible!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

February 14, 6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Dr. Gustavo Parajon, medical doctor, head of CEPAD (a relief agency) and a Baptist pastor in Managua, Nicaragua. Register by calling the church office. Dinner is $6.00.

This is a great opportunity to hear someone from Nicaragua, and to learn about and celebrate the life of Associated Churches.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-7-88

Kathern Rossiter, 7327 Hickory Creek Drive; Ruby & Jim Crouse, Columbus, Indiana.

"THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU" - C.W.F. RETREAT

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

One of those amazing things happened a couple of weeks ago. Someone (who wishes to remain anonymous) stepped forward and offered a matching gift of $7,000.00 to help erase our $20,000.00 deficit. This was not a well-to-do person, but a couple who have demonstrated their interest and commitment over the years. This represents a sacrificial gift on their part.

Such a gift should be a humbling experience for us as a congregation.....to think that someone has that much faith in you and me and God! I have every confidence that their confidence has been well placed!

We have now received approximately $14,000.00 (including the $7,000.00 matching gift), so we need another $6,000.00. The Board will be meeting Tuesday night (February 9) to decide where we go from here. We'll report their action to you next week. I'm feeling very good about the whole thing at this point.

This Sunday will be fun! We'll be dedicating young children. This is a very brief but very meaningful service. My sermon will go along with it and is entitled "Christian Parenting". The sermon is for parents of all ages (even parents of adult children).

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Did you know that Esther Whitton has a wonderful collection of teddy bears?.....Congratulations to all our youth who have taken part in the ISSMA contests this month. Among them are Tammy Davis and David Orr. If you know of others, will you please contact the church office. We are proud of our young people and want to share their good news.....Also congratulations to Mike Piatt! He has recently become a Certified Public Accountant!.....There were 35 fascinated fathers and sons at the banquet Saturday, watching Marvelous Marv and his Magic Show --- but none more attentive than Marlene who appeared never to have seen anything more wonderful in all her life! It was a good time.....We are already mourning the loss of the Sears, Sablics, and Smells, and they haven't even moved yet!

DON'T FORGET ---

FRIENDS OF THE GROOM

Saturday, February 20, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m., Drama workshop
Saturday, February 20, 7:00 p.m., Performance
Sunday, February 21, 9:30 a.m. - Intergenerational Fun

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Road to Jerico"

First Christian Church

SERVING FEBRUARY 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and Don Kampenga

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. N. Mennewisch-SW, E. Snouffer-NW, K. Graham, S. Smith

10:45 A.M. D. Mey-SW, J. Mey-NW, J. McGrew-SE, B. Kerley-NE, S. Kerley, K. Taylor, D. Knudsen, M. Knudsen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, B. Haines, S. Mullen

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Matt Busse & Adam Hayes

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Nedra Feeley & Sue Stow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

We rejoice that no one is in the hospital at the time of publication of Tidings.

THE STAFF: Richard Hamm, Linn Bartling, Helen Donnell, Jerry Zimmerman, Diane Johnson, and John Perry, wish you Happy Valentine's Day!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 A.M. Elders' Breakfast Study

9:30 A.M. Elders' Meeting

10:30 A.M. Neighborhood Task Force Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:00 P.M. Associated Churches annual meeting at First Presbyterian

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. Teachers Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 P.M. Sarah Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 A.M. Craft Workshop

2:00 P.M. "Friends of the Groom" Drama Workshop

7:00 P.M. Friends of the Groom public performance at First Christian

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BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 19-25

Don Crouse (19)
Heather Chapin (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Margaret Jenkins (21)
Liz Arnold (22)
Steven Hall (22)
Walter Bowen (22)
Anita Ellis (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)

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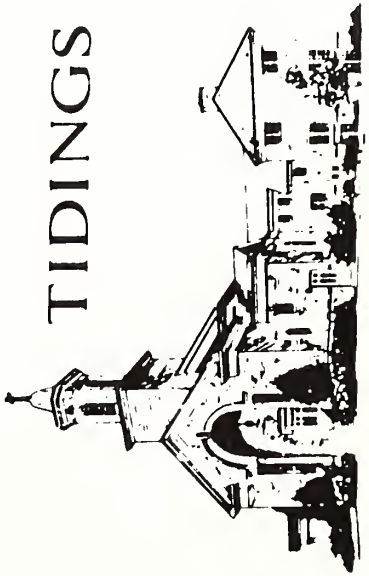

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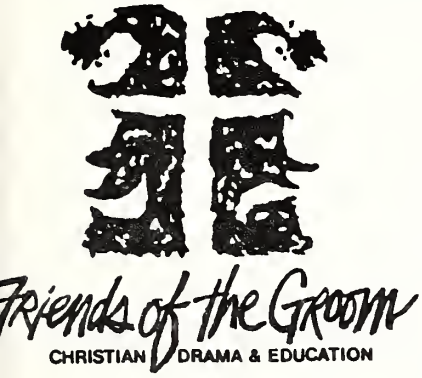
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Charles and Teresa Hatten and Christina Hatten came by transfer of membership. They live at 5128 Standish Drive 46806, phone # - 447-2649. Charlie and Teresa's other daughter, Jessica, is a student at Village Woods Middle School.

Seek them out and bid them welcome!



Sponsored by Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County and by First Christian Church, Friends of the Groom, a drama troop from Cincinnati, Ohio, will offer a workshop on Christian drama in our Fellowship Hall this Saturday, February 20, from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. In workshop and in performance last summer in Dayton (Weeklong Liturgical Arts in Worship Retreat), their work was unforgettable. It became possible to understand Biblical stories in a new and refreshing way, and even have a little part in bringing them alive! They work with wit and warmth and expertise! We invite anyone who has ever been involved with drama, (or who may have a secret desire to be!) to come on Saturday. We especially encourage our youth to be a part of it! There is a $5.00 charge for the workshop. Please call the church office for a "reservation"."

On Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a public performance. If you are not brave enough to taste Christian drama as a participant, come in the evening and enjoy the power of the experts to portray!

And on Sunday Friends of the Groom will perform A Funny Thing Happened on the Road to Jerico -- the story of the Good Samaritan in both morning worship services. It becomes a 1988 parable and helps us to understand our own attitudes, some of which we may be unaware, about our place in the coming of the Kingdom.

Please invite friends and bring your family to any and all of these hours of the presentations and presence of very special visitors. We welcome Friends of the Groom.

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7:00 P.M.

Parents' Night Out will be at John & Kris Ohneck's, 4214 Mirada Drive, on Friday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Bring an appetizer. Call 447-2833 to R.S.V.P.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting to consider a small constitutional change on Sunday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE meets this Saturday, 9:00 a.m. at the church.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. Outreach & Service will not meet.

AREA I BOARD MEETING at 6:00 P.M., Monday, February 29, at Auburn First Christian. Call church office (744-3239) to R.S.V.P.

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Gwynth Rice died at her new home at her daughter's in Alabama. Her services were Wednesday. We shall miss her dearly. Her brother, Rolland Ripple, with Genevieve returned home from California.

Fred Smell is in Parkview Hospital with a broken leg having slipped on the ice.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Dr. Hamm and to all our friends for their prayers and cards we received during Carolyn's recent stay in the hospital.

They were so helpful and greatly appreciated.

Genevieve & Rolland Ripple
Carolyn & George Bernhard

CONSTITUTION CHANGE

CURRENT

There shall be a Board of Trustees composed of the officers and chairmen/chairwomen nominated and elected by the congregation, other members nominated and elected in a competitive election by the congregation and the professional staff who shall serve ex-officio, without vote. The Board of Trustees shall be responsible to the congregation and have authority to act on behalf of the congregation on all matters except those necessitating congregational action. It shall handle all committee recommendations and process all congregational motions, except elections. Any three of the five elected officers of the congregation and Board of Trustees, namely, moderator, vice-moderator, secretary, treasurer, and Memorial Fund treasurer, shall serve as the legal signers in behalf of corporate action.

There shall be a Board of Elders composed of persons nominated and elected by the congregation who shall function in shepherding and pastoral roles.

There shall be a Board of Diaconate composed of persons nominated and elected by the congregation who shall function in serving and enabling roles.

PROPOSED

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HEARING AIDS STILL AVAILABLE

Wireless hearing aids are available to you on Sunday morning. They permit you to sit anywhere in the building and allow you to "dial in" your own volume level. Just ask an usher for one.

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ADULT SINGLES DANCE!

Every Sunday Night - 8:30 - 11:00 P.M. First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., ADMISSION INCLUDES: Entertainment, and refreshments. All singles 20 and older welcome. Enter on Berry Street side of Church.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope to see everyone Saturday night, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for the "Friends of the Groom" performance here. Then, I hope to see everyone back Sunday morning. I hope you bring guests, too. You'll be glad you did.

We are now beginning our Lenten journey. It is a journey that is introspective.....it calls us to look inward, to examine ourselves, to seek renewal. May I suggest that an excellent Lenten discipline would be to attend prayer service 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. every Sunday during Lent?

We have been rocked by deaths of beloved people lately. Gwynth was a wonderful person and, like many of you, I shall miss her sorely. As her son put it so beautifully, "she always prepared well for every journey, and she was certainly prepared for this one." Amen.

Well, I hope you have a good week. Be careful of those ice patches.....you can fall in a hurry, young and old alike!

See you Sunday! (Saturday night, too, I hope).

Love,

Dick

P.S. You couldn't see it Sunday, but Mindy had decorated my side of the pulpit with valentines and candy! Thank you, sweetie!

SCENE FROM FIRST

Lovely, lovely, flowers for Valentine's Day on the Chancel, arranged by "Aunt Sue's". (Did you know she was our own Sue Oden?).....There was a unique valentine on the pulpit Sunday---something about a "handsome devil"(?). We are sorry the choir wasn't there to capitalize on it! It shall forever, therefore, remain private and anonymous.....It was good to see several grandmothers of the children in Creative Arts visiting or returning to support the kids.....Chris Hamilton wins the Chorister of the Month award for his empathetic sharing of the songs about The Prodigal Son -- but all the children were terrific! Perhaps we can sing again Palm Sunday and have others join us!.....Congratulations to Marsha Busse, trumpet, and cousin Matthew Busse, trombone, both earned a "first" (superior) in the ISSMA contests a week ago.....Any others?..... Many thanks to John for working so hard to keep our parking lot and sidewalks clear and safe!

Save two Wednesdays in Lent, March 16 & 23 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. for simple supper and programs for all ages. Details to follow.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-14-88

Mr. Edward L. Kern, 3202 Dinnen Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Dan C. Russell, 1014 Nuttman Ave.; Joseph & Betty Maksl, 3820 Hiawatha Blvd.

BABY DEDICATIONS

SERVING FEBRUARY 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield and Chip Olson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lindsay-NW, J. Myers, Jt. Myers

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan-SW, K. Tobias-NW, M. Hamm-SE, M. Piatt-NE, P. Tobias, S. Zimmerman, C. Falbe, D. Kreischer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, T. Knuckles, A. Pittenger

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Hartman - M. Knudsen
R. Church - B. Lindsay
J. Church -
J. Ohneck - J. McGrew

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Knudsen's & S. Smith

ACOLYTES

Sarah Feeley & Sara Glasgow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ralph & Judy Church

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Deb Rinker & Bobbi Lockhart

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:
Fred Smell

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Friends of the Groom Drama Program
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00-11:00 A.M. Food Bank Opened
9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Outreach & Service not meeting)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
9:00-11:00 A.M. Food Bank Opened
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship-Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
9:00-11:00 A.M. Food Bank Opened
7:00 P.M. Parents' Night Out at John & Kris Ohneck's, 4214 Mirada

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
9:00 A.M. C.W.F. Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. - Congregational Meeting

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4

Everett Ehresman (26)
Bill Chappell (26)
Romane Cole (26)
Cathy Katt (26)
Liz Johnson (28)
Bill Lehman (28)
Tim Briggs (28)
Barb Busse (1)
Carl Linn (1)
Buefond Tharp (1)
Jerry Zimmerman (1)
Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Ken Feeley (2)
Myrtle Hendrick (3)
Joseph Snouffer (4)
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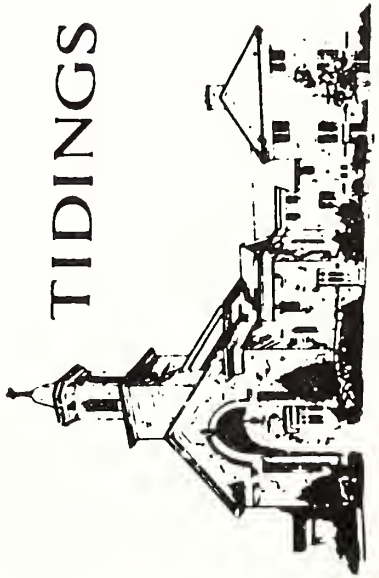

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - This Sunday, February 28, 9:30 a.m., sanctuary.

LINN BARTLING will be officially installed as our Minister of Education, Sunday, March 6, in the 10:45 a.m. worship.

MARCH 9, BIRTHDAY DINNER

Reserve this date for a fellowship dinner. More later.

SECRET PLACE

This excellent devotional is available at various places around the church. Pick up your March - May edition this Sunday!

TWO WEDNESDAYS IN LENT
March 16 and 23
All Church Family Events

for all ages

5:45 p.m. Soup Supper - Please bring bread or fruit to share
Suggested donation $1 per person
Maximum $5 per family

6:30 p.m.
1. Nursery Care for Preschoolers
2. Worship Arts - K thru 5th grades
3. What Does it Mean to be a Disciple? - Grades 6 thru 8 with Dick Hamm
4. CYF - grades 9-12 with youth advisor, Mike Piatt
5. Adult Bible Study of Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes with Linn Bartling

We will end promptly at 8:00 p.m. If you can't make it for supper, please join us for the activities at 6:30 p.m. Call Linn or Diane (744-3239) to make your reservations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS, Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.

NAOMI GROUP WILL MEET Thursday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. with Dorothy Schmidt, 219 W. Sherwood Terrace.

WAYNEDALE UNITED METHODIST INVITATION

On February 28, 3:00 p.m. the Church celebrates its 60th year with an organ concert. Refreshments follow. All welcome.

THANKS

Thanks to the Breys, the Ohnecks, the Stovers, and the Mildreds for opening their homes to the "Friends of the Groom", providing lodging and breakfast!

THANK YOU

A Big "THANK YOU" to F.C.C. members and staff for the "T.L.C." you gave me during my recent hospitalizations in Fort Wayne. The cards, the visits, the prayers for me by so many and the homebound communion were truly blessings to me. God bless you all!

Emily Weicker Walton

The following news release is to update us. A resolution on salvation was brought before the General Assembly last fall and it was referred for study. It will come back for action at the Indianapolis General Assembly in 1989. You may have read comments about this resolution in the Disciple magazine. --Dick

disciples news service

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind (DNS) -- The Commission on Theology of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has decided to begin immediately its study of issues raised by the resolution on "Salvation in Jesus Christ" referred to it by the Louisville General Assembly.

"This resolution points to the foundation of our faith as Christians and causes us to focus on critical issues in the life and witness of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)," declared the Rev. H. Jackson Forstman, Nashville, Tenn., chair of the Commission and dean of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

As the group of lay and professional theologians met they decided that what is called for is not simply a "political" or "process" response but a reflective theological response to the issues which have been raised.

"We plan to make a progress report to the General Board when it meets this summer in order to assure them of the seriousness with which the commission views the matter," Forstman continued.

"We will seek to reaffirm what has been the strong, traditional witness of our church, confessed by every person who becomes a member of the Disciples and clearly stated in the official documents of the church that 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and (we) proclaim him Lord and Savior of the World.'"

Papers on issues related to the topic will be developed in preparation for the meeting of the Commission in the fall of 1988. Such papers will include a statement on the New Testament understanding of salvation; the mission of the church in relation to other religions, and the meaning of confessing Christ in our society and world today. When a "preliminary report" is developed, church-wide discussion will be encouraged prior to the submission of the Commission's final report to the 1989 General Assembly.

The Commission completed a two year focus on Baptism and presented its reflections to the 1987 General Assembly in a document entitled "A Word to the Church on Baptism." Previously scheduled study on the Lord's Supper has now been re-scheduled for 1989.

A more detailed summary of discussions on the "Salvation" resolution and actions taken thus far by the Commission are available from the Council on Christian Unity.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We have said numerous times that we want to grow in membership. That's good. But how does a church grow? How does a church attract new people to visit?

I suppose most of us think newspaper ads, yellow page ads, yard signs, and attractive grounds are the primary means of attracting visitors. These certainly do help, but every study conducted has shown that the primary means of attracting visitors is for members to invite people - people at work, at school, in the family, friends at the bus stop, wherever, whoever. How are we doing on this score?

I think we are very open to new folks. We generally greet them warmly. But how many of us actually invite people to come? This is where I think we need to grow.

We now have an excellent staff complete again. This is an excellent time for us to "take off" again; but we must invite to make it happen.

Who will you invite this week?

I hope you got to see "Friends of the Groom." Powerful, magnificent, and excellent were words I heard! Would you like to have them back next year?

Have a good week. I've got daffodils 3" high now!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday, my sermon will be entitled, "On Getting Serious". Text: Mark 8:34-35.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Those who have seen Collin Miller (Sunday) and Dick Hamm (Saturday) as a scoundrel and then repentant son (Prodigal), and Pat Mullen as a superb bartender, and Laura York as a starving pig (shall we name more characters or let well enough alone?) -- have been enlightened about latent talents among our flock.....Congratulations to Dan Mory who earned a "first" with both his piano and oboe, and Jay Krull in drums!.....After first service with us, Jane Wagoner and Janet and Jack Weicker went to Saturn to enjoy the Dedication of their niece and granddaughter -- a happy day!.....Have you noticed that Sara Davis is back with us for a time of renewal and refreshment? It is good to have her "home.".....Conversation in choir room prior to Ash Wednesday service "This is strange -- a blank piece of white paper in the bulletin!" "That's for you to write your sins on to be burned as a part of the time of repentance." "What if I have no sins?" "That's the first one.".....Eric Zimmerman recently received his ministerial license. He is currently Minister of Music and Minister of Youth at Mackinaw Christian Church in Mackinaw, Illinois.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-21-88

Miss Tina Aspacher, 720 W. Packard Avenue; Miss Kim Burris and Miss Vicky Plemons, 212 Park Terrace, Columbia City, IN; Claude A. McCallister, 917 W. Sherwood Terrace; Mrs. Rose Newton, 4409 Bridgetown Run.

Second Sunday of Lent

THIS SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 28!

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USHERS

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Karen Bushey & Jo Sickafoose

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10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

550 - Mr. Fred Smell

LUTHERAN:

209 - Mrs. Jo Dixon

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at Auburn, First
7:00 P.M. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship-Grades K-5th
7:00 P.M. Finance Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 P.M. Chapel Wedding

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 5-11

Bill Johnson (5)
Benjamin McCarel (5)
Richard Hamilton (6)
Cora Harnish (7)
Bob Orr (7)
Jerry Warner (8)
John Kelly (10)
Richard Dobson (10)
Kathleen Simon (10)

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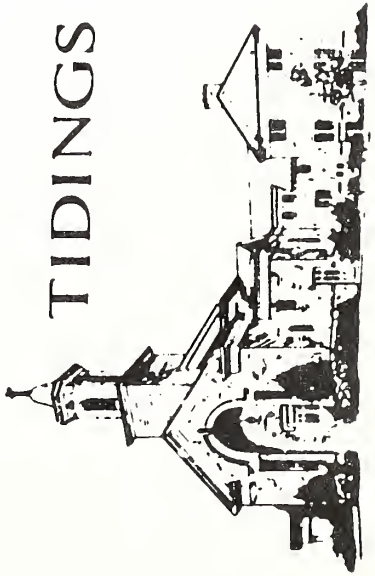

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Volume XLV February 24, 1988 No. 9

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Marlo Quick came by transfer of membership Sunday. She lives with her husband Rick and daughter Josie, at 7510 Lakeridge 46819, phone - 747-7385. Welcome, Marlo!

TWO WEDNESDAYS IN LENT
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All Church Family events

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6:30 p.m.
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4. CYF - grades 9-12 with youth advisor, Mike Piatt
5. Adult Bible Study of Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes with Linn Bartling

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 6:00 P.M.

Meat, cake, ice cream, rolls, and butter will be provided. Please bring a vegetable or a salad. See you there!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES:

Children in Beginners, Primary, Junior, Middle School, and High School classes will meet with Mrs. Donnell from 9:30 - 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, March 6, 13, and 20 to learn a song for Palm Sunday.

Parents with children in six through twelfth grades are requested to meet with Linn and Mike Piatt to discuss plans for the Spring. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 20 in the Senior High classroom.

SECRET PLACE

This excellent devotional is available at various places around the church. Pick up your March - May edition this Sunday!

INVENTORY DAYS IN CHURCH LIBRARY

Several books are missing from the shelves. We think they would like to come home if not being used. Place them on the table by the fireplace, please!

Mildred Hutchinson

PRAYER CHAIN

We will have a prayer chain beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday and ending at 6:00 a.m. on Easter. The time slots will be for one hour. A sign-up chart will be in Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Please sign-up and share in this meaningful experience.

ELDER'S BREAKFAST AND STUDY, Saturday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.
THE BOARD meets Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Laurell Cole is in Veteran's Hospital and is quite ill.

Donna Byers is home recuperating from extensive hip surgery.

Marilyn and Eric Rieke's house burned last week, but they and Kristen and Jennifer all got out thanks to a smoke alarm. We are grateful they are O.K. The house was a total loss.

Judy Mey's grandmother died last week after a long illness.

Linn Bartling will be officially installed this Sunday!

THANK YOU'S

The family of Richard Polk thank you for the expressions of sympathy received from the friends of the church. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Dick Hamm and Helen Donnell for the beautiful Memorial Service.

Helen Polk

Much heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you at First Christian Church who helped to ease the pain and lighten the load during our recent loss of our mother/grandmother and sister, Gwynth.

The flowers were lovely, the meal delicious -- all of your many expressions were/are deeply appreciated.

In Christian Love,
The Gwynth Rice Family

The Lay Leadership Committee is beginning its work of securing nominees for offices in the church for 1988-1990. Members of the congregation who wish to submit names of potential nominees please do so, without delay, to the church office.

Bob & Jane Williams are Disciple missionaries in the African nation of Lesotho. A time chart of this little nation's significant events follows. Keep the Williams and Lesotho in your prayers.

Pre-history:	Populated by the San (Bushmen).
1700's:	The Nguni (a Zulu speaking people) displace the San.
Late 1700's:	Sotho speaking people settle in the region: live in harmony with the Nguni.
Early 1800's:	Zulu king Shaka attacks the area now known as Lesotho. Kins Mshweshwe united the people of the region and repels Shaka—Mshweshwe becomes the undisputed leader of the Basuto (the Sotho people).
1843:	Mshweshwe negotiates for British protection against the Boers of South Africa.
1856-1868:	Mshweshwe and the people of Lesotho at war with the Boers.
1868:	Lesotho becomes a British territory.
1870:	Mshweshwe dies.
1871:	Lesotho is annexed as part of the British Cape Colony, but the Cape Colony government ignores many Lesotho customs.
1880:	Open revolt breaks out in Lesotho when the Cape Colony government tries to disarm the people of Lesotho.
1884:	Lesotho breaks away from Cape Colony and becomes a British crown colony: the Basuto chiefs are allowed to govern according to their own traditions and customs. Lerotholi becomes the "Paramount Chief".
1905:	Lerotholi dies: the Lesotho national council elects his son "Paramount Chief" with British concurrence.
1909:	Lesotho remains under British control despite the union of four South African colonies in the "Union of South Africa."
1910:	The Bautoland Council is established as the national legislative council: consists of chiefs and other elected members.
1960:	A provisional constitution is written in preparation for the independence of Lesotho.
1964:	The provisional constitution is revised.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I quit something Saturday, a Board position I had agreed to serve. It was fun, it was stimulating, it was even important. But it did not fit my list of priorities. Time and energy are limited resources in this life, and a key to successful and faithful living is to recognize the limits of time and energy (as well as other resources) and to invest those where they will do the most good.

I hate to quit things. I let some people down. But I never should have made the commitment to begin with. Some commitments must not be broken, even if they should never have been made. But other commitments, made in a weak or foolish moments, may be broken with a minimum of inconvenience and trouble for others. Sometimes these must be broken -- with the firm resolution that we will not over-commit ourselves again.....that we will think carefully before agreeing to do something we really can't "cram in." If its something important, perhaps the best we can do is to agree to serve after we complete some other commitments.

Until we learn to do this, we will neither be doing the most important things nor be dependable. I hate to break a commitment. Perhaps the pain of that will help me not to make commitments lightly again.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "God's Surprising Ways" based on I Corinthians 1:22-25. I'm committed to being there!

SCENE FROM FIRST

We are hearing more and more good things about our youth! Both Rebecca Feeley (piano) and Lindsay Miller (flute) were ISSMA winners. Congratulations! Congratulations also to Kris Ohneck who is now a member of the Professional Secretaries Association at G.T.E. (Have you noticed the new Fellowship Banner created for 1988 by Kris?).....It is good to have Ann Pittenger back on Mondays volunteering her time as "membership secretary." We have missed her.....There is now a bulletin board in the hall outside Diane's office which will soon be filled with the Master Calendar! Perhaps this is a good time to ask for April calendar events by March 21. Thank you. Sue Brey offering advice to Debbie Knudsen. Can you guess about what?.....Speaking of babies, we apologize for calling Weicker's new grandbaby a niece. He's a Boy, named Ian!

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Oct. 4, 1966: Lesotho becomes an independent kingdom within the British Commonwealth. Paramount Chief Motlothei becomes the first head of state.

1970: A state of emergency is declared when early election results indicate that the ruling party will lose power. Official reason given for the state of emergency is "voting irregularities."

1973: The state of emergency is lifted.

Early 1980's: Internal strife continues with terrorist activities by the Lesotho Liberation Army and raids into Lesotho by South African forces.

Prepared by Hank Anderson, Co-Pastor
Mt. Gilead Christian Church
Bloomington

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 2-28-88

Kathy Klopfenstein, 1206 Lexington Avenue; Kathern Rossiter, 7327 Hickory Creek Drive.

SERVING MARCH 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Liz Johnson

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8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, E. Snouffer, M. Snouffer

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

P. Mullen - N. Mennewisch
B. Johnson - D. Mey
D. Kampenga - J. Mey
C. Olson - C. Miller

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Larry & Sue Brey

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Mindy Hamm & Sam Hayes

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Veteran's:

Laurell Cole

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

Max Finkhousen (17)
Michael Novachcoff (17)
Gordon Howell (18)

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:00 P.M. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

6:00 P.M. All Church Birthday Dinner

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts In Worship - Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 A.M. Elder's Breakfast & Study

BIRTHDAYS March 12-18

Jean Chappell (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Florence Palmer (12)
Mark Zimmerman (12)
Ethel Shroyer (14)
Mike Akers (15)
Tanya Creager (15)
Wayne Koehlinger (15)
Stephen Ludwig (15)
Carole Overmyer (15)
George Bruckman (16)
Robert Ogles (16)

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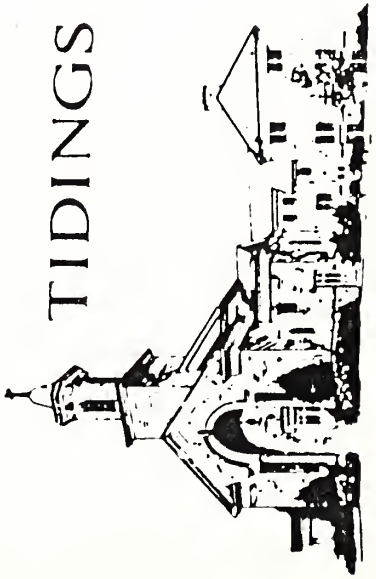

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Chuck McGrew transferred his membership to First Christian Church from a Congregational Church in Detroit. Chuck has been active here with his wife Jean (already a member) for several years, so this just makes it official! Welcome, Chuck!

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NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 19, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Gary Baeten of City Zoning will be with us. All welcome!

SPRING TONIC PRESCRIPTION

Sign up for a "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" event scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Child care to be provided. One couple hosts six guests. The host provides meat and beverage and asks guests to bring salad and rolls, vegetable, or dessert.

Last fall 48 people participated and gave excellent reports of the evening spent in the home of host couples.

Sign up sheets will circulate Sundays March 13 & 20. If we miss you, call the church office.

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS COMING UP

Christmas grapevine wreaths on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with our host, Bobbi Lockhart. Cost is $3.00 which includes wreaths, picks, and ribbons. Class size is limited to 10 people. Sign up in Fellowship Hall on March 13 or call Bobbi, 447-0331, or the church office.

Basket weaving class on Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. with our hosts from "The Homestead" in Grabill. Cost is $15.00. We need at least 10-15 for a class. You will take home a completed heart, twine, or elbow basket. Sign up in Fellowship Hall March 20 & 27 or call Sherry Lytle, 745-5233, or the church office.

D.M.A. - Friday, March 18, noon. Details next week.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ralph Reynolds is in St. Joseph Hospital recovering from surgery.

Gene Klepfer had emergency gall bladder surgery in Florida, but is doing fine.

Fred and Rychie Smell will be leaving for their new home in Indianapolis next week. They will be in the Robin Run community being developed by the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Carolyn Burnham, the Ripple's daughter, is again seriously ill. Ripples are in California at Carolyn's home.

Joe Mullen, Mike's brother, is terminally ill, it appears, in Washington, D.C.

Jim Hudlow and Gloria Wetters were united in marriage March 5.

Did you see the article featuring Phyllis Fitch in the Disciple magazine?

THANKS

I want to thank our fellow Christian members for their many prayers and cards during my recent two weeks at Parkview. I also want to thank Dick and Helen for their visits, prayers, and concern. Dr. Glock did a good job of putting my leg back together. I'm walking with a walker until May, then with a cane for a time.

Fred Smell

MUSIC NOTE

The children who wish to be a part of the Palm Sunday Processional will meet with Helen in the Children's Choir Room instead of Fellowship Hall for the remaining Sundays from 9:30 - 9:40 a.m. Thank you. Please come!

FLY-A-KITE DAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Fly-A-Kite Day will be on Saturday, March 19, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided and then we will design and fly our kites. This is a family event for all ages!

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION — SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 27

Children and Adult Choirs

MAUNDY THURSDAY OBSERVANCE — THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 7:00 P.M.

A DRAMA -- Is It I?

GOOD FRIDAY MEMORIAL — FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1:30 P.M.

Southside Cluster Churches at First Christian
Prayers, Scripture, Liturgy
Cantata -- On the Passion of Christ
by David H. Williams
sung by the choirs of the cluster churches

PRAYER CHAIN — FRIDAY, APRIL 1 - SUNDAY, APRIL 3

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE	6:30 A.M.
EASTER BREAKFAST	7:15 A.M.
EASTER SERVICES	8:15 AND 10:45 A.M.

COME AND WORSHIP

CLASSIC COMEBACKS - WHAT YOU WISH YOU'D SAID

A visiting daughter was sitting in on her mother's bridge game. In between bidding, the players were discussing the AIDS epidemic. One of them suggested that the disease was God's way of punishing homosexuality. The others (except the daughter) nodded in agreement. While the women developed the theme of God's vengeance, the daughter stewed--not wanting to insult her mother or her guests, but equally unwilling to let their viewpoint go unchallenged. Finally she knew what to say. "What if," she remarked, looking up from her cards, "AIDS is God's way of testing your compassion?"

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DISCIPLES NEWS SERVICE

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- A pleasure cruise to Africa has led a North American woman to become a regular contributor to the overseas work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

This past summer the woman took a cruise ship from Belgium to Zaire. When the ship docked at Matadi, she went ashore to see the usual tourist stops.

But it was more than the tourist attractions that caught her attention. It was the children of Zaire that touched a concern in her about their education.

When she returned to the ship that night, she asked a Zairian woman how she might help the children of Zaire. The unidentified woman, who has no known affiliation with the Disciples, told her the "best" mission work in Zaire is done by the Disciples.

On her return to the United States, the woman began a search to find out who are the Disciples of Christ and how she could get in touch with their mission board. She asked the minister of the church she is presently attending if he was familiar with the Disciples and their mission work but he couldn't give her any information.

Finally she posed her questions to a pastor of another local congregation affiliated with a different denomination. He referred her to Missions Building and the Division of Overseas Ministries.

She wrote DOM a letter indicating she wanted to send her income from social security for use in overseas work and asking how she could help. The Rev. Dan C. Hoffman, DOM Africa executive, responded by sending her a list of things needed at the Zairian Christian Institute. He pointed out that Disciples work in mission is funded through its Basic Mission Finance and her money would be used for needs not funded through BMF.

The woman has now become a regular contributor to DOM and also has expressed an interest in Disciples work with American Indians.

The Rev. Herbert C. Barnard, vice-president of Christian Church Foundation and DOM consultant, related this story to the DOM board during its November 19-21 meeting. Because neither the American nor Zairian woman was a member of the Disciples church, this illustrates how much Disciples work is respected and valued in Zaire, said Barnard.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Did you know that Becca Olson wrote the lovely solo she sang on Valentine's Day? -- a very talented lady!.....Delight on the faces of the children as they listened to the story of the purple lizard told by John Tolley.....Comment by a member of the choir afterward: "Do you think he would come tell us a story, too?".....Perhaps its now time to say that the Lenten Banner and the symbols of the last days of Jesus life were made by Laura York. How wonderful it is to have her gifts to add meaning to our worship. Many thanks to her, and to the families which have done the Lenten readings for us or who have promised to do so in the future.....It will be fun for you to ask Jerry about his Nonsense Shower last week! -- although we imagine he would not prefer to tell ALL.....Afterward John was in the parking lot brushing snow off the cars of choir members and guests.....Linda Stover helping in the office, and Ann Pittenger returning after what seems like a very long time.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-6-88

Tiffany Watton, 4849 N. Capitol Avenue; Khris Maxey, Westland, Michigan; Chuck Hamm, Atlanta, GA; Dr. Edna Henry, 1925 St. Joe Center Road; Mr. George Bartling, 4627 Merriam Creek Drive; Bert & Joan Davis, 4917 Reed Road; Dick Rison, 9715 Woodland Ridge East; Lynne Shuman, 924 Columbia; Dave Schnobel, 7321 Lakeridge; Beckie & Katie Ormiston, 2032 Dominion Drive, John Tolley.

SERVING MARCH 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Don Kampenga and Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, N. Mennewisch, K. Graham

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Kerley-NW, C. Falbe-SE, M. Hamm-NE, D. Mey, J. Mey, S. Zimmerman, P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, B. Haines, T. Knuckles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Novachcoff & Mey's

ACOLYTES

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Nedra Feeley & Sue Stow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Myers

10:45 A.M.

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

492 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

VETERAN'S:

Mr. Laurell Cole

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Pearl Heidecker (22)
Tom Banet (22)
Steven Grimm (23)
Terry King (23)
Bob Pauley (23)
John Glasgow (24)
Margaret Love (24)
Donna Byers (25)
Freda Householder (25)
Rosemary Krull (25)
Robert Young (25)

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 14

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:00 P.M. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at the church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:45 P.M. Lenten Soup Supper/Activities for all ages following

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship - Grades K-5th

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

12:00 NOON D.M.A.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 A.M. Bazaar Workshop

11:00 A.M. Fly-a-Kite Day

BIRTHDAYS March 19-25

Melanie Springer (19)
Vince Wells (19)
Clara Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Laura Manes (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Julie Sherman (20)
Bill Halbrook (21)
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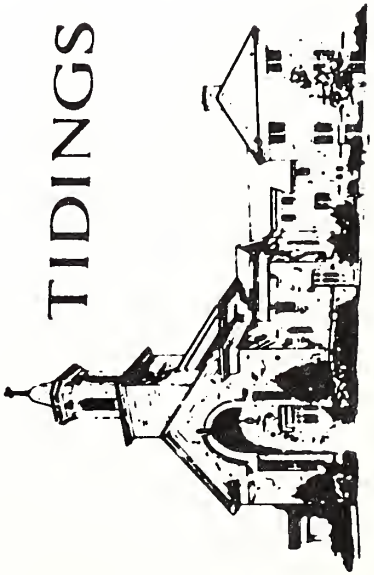

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Children in Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Middle School classes will meet with Mrs. Donnell from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. in Children's Choir Room this Sunday to learn a song for Palm Sunday.

Parents with children in sixth through twelfth grades are requested to meet with Linn and Mike Piatt to discuss plans for the Spring. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday in the Senior High classroom.

SPRING TONIC PRESCRIPTION

Sign up for a "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" event scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Child care to be provided. One couple hosts six guests. The host provides meat and beverage and asks guests to bring salad and rolls, vegetable, or dessert.

Last fall 48 people participated and gave excellent reports of the evening spent in the home of host couples.

Sign up sheets will circulate this Sunday. If we miss you, call the church office.

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 19, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Gary Baeten of City Zoning will be with us. All welcome!

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS COMING UP

Christmas grapevine wreaths on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with our host, Bobbi Lockhart. Cost is $3.00 which includes wreaths, picks, and ribbons. Class size is limited to 10 people. To sign up call Bobbi at 447-0331, or the church office.

Basket weaving class on Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. with our hosts from "The Homestead" in Grabill. Cost is $15.00. We need at least 10-15 for a class. You will take home a completed heart, twine, or elbow basket. Sign up in Fellowship Hall March 20 & 27 or call Sherry Lytle, 745-5233, or the church office.

D.M.A. - Friday, March 18, "Electrical Safety and Conservation for Seniors." A film and speaker from Indiana & Michigan Electric. Meet at noon for a potluck at the church. Film and speaker at 12:30 p.m. Come join us!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ralph Reynolds is improving at St. Joseph Hospital.

The Smells are moving to Indianapolis. Their new address is 6407 Peace Place, Robin Run Village, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Ripples are still in California with their daughter.

Joe Mullen, Mike's brother, died in Washington D.C. last week after a long illness.

Murray McLean - Pauline Snyder's brother-in-law, died Sunday morning.

Gail Westerfield has moved to Boulder, Colorado. Her new address is 936 Grant Place, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

Dick Mory's brother Bob is awaiting a heart transplant and is at Parkview Hospital.

THANKS - To Linda Stover who is serving as a volunteer receptionist/typist.

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FLY-A-KITE - SATURDAY, MARCH 19

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GOD BLESS THE CHILD - An ABC Theater Presentation March 21, 9 - 11 p.m., Channel 21. It's worth seeing.

NEEDED: The nursery needs a playpen. If you have one to donate call Sue Brey or leave in the nursery.

CHANGE OF DATES

The Church Planning Retreat will be Saturday, June 11, not June 4 as previously printed.

The CWF Year End Wrap Up Picnic will be Saturday, June 4 rather than June 11.

The All Church Picnic will be Saturday, June 25 at Bushey's.

Mark your Spring Calendar now!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am filled with hope. The last eight months have been very difficult for me, personally. Don Wiltfong moved to Edinburgh, leaving Helen and I to resource the life and program of the church. We also "hit the wall" (as marathon runners say) financially. When you want the church to grow and thrive as much as I do, it's very frustrating to be unable to "cover all the bases" that need to be covered pastorally and programatically and to face a financial struggle as well. When it takes 75 hour work weeks just to "march in place", that's frustrating. I thank God we increased Helen to 2/3's time (up from 1/3) during the interim.

But now the clouds are clearing. We have had a $14,000.00 love offering, we have installed Linn Bartling as our Minister of Education, the Board has taken painful but necessary steps to balance the budget for 1988 (unlike the government, we have faced up to our deficit!), and the Board will be making a final decision April 12 on staff arrangements (the budget provides for 2 2/3's program staff, but Helen's 2/3's must be changed from interim to permanent in order to accomplish this).

So, for the first time in quite a while (seems like forever to me) we will be "up to speed" staff wise and positioned to grow and thrive.

A couple of other notes: 1. I am tremendously grateful to Helen for the many extra hours she has invested this last eight months (her 2/3's sure looked for all the world like full-time!). 2. I am thrilled with the way Linn has picked up her responsibilities. 3. The rest of the staff (Diane, John, and Jerry) continue to make me proud and to go the extra mile. I hope that, as a congregation, we fully appreciate what we have in this staff!

Things are looking up. Praise God who has led us through these "choppy" waters.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday the sermon is based on Matthew 25:31-46 and is entitled "Sheep & Goats".

SCENE FROM FIRST

Happy children at the Birthday Party for the church blowing whistles provided for their pleasure by John Ohneck!.....Linda Stover smiling in the office helping Diane two mornings a week.....Everybody enjoying Sara Emily Louise, and she sleeps through it all!.....Have you noticed the Bunnies by Sherry Lytle? Someone remarked how refreshing it was to come in out of the snow and see them. It is like spring - inside at least!.....How we will miss Fred and Rychie!.....Kirk Spencer already talking about softball and tournaments.....Chuck McGrew's comment after accepting Dick's "Special" offer to join the church: "Do I get double stamps, too!" Ask the kids in Creative Arts about Robin and Muffin, their new friends.....Aunt Sue's beautiful flowers on the Chancel every Sunday. Do you know who she is?

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-13-88

Miss Kathy Blocher, 934 W. DeWald Street; Ruth Bennington, 305 E. Fleming Avenue; Connie Errington, 7312 Valley Drive, Leo, Indiana.

Robin Run Village, a National Benevolent Association community for adults 55 and over, is accepting apartment reservations. For information, please write or call David Pennybacker, 317-293-5500, Robin Run Village, 5354 West 62nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, D. Kreischer, A. Pittenger

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D. Graham - D. Miller
B. Ludwig - Jt. Myers
D. Parlette - J. Myers
L. Johnson - J. Bushey

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PARKVIEW:
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Connie Wells (30)
Gladys Harshbarger (1)
Paul Yentes (1)

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5:45 P.M. Lenten Soup Supper/Activities for all ages following
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship - Grades K-5th

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BIRTHDAYS March 26-April 1
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Ed Hall (27)
Margaret Beachley (27)
Lelia Arnos (28)
Kimberly Bonton (28)
James Hendrickson (28)
Maude Donohue (29)
Sylvia Smith (29)

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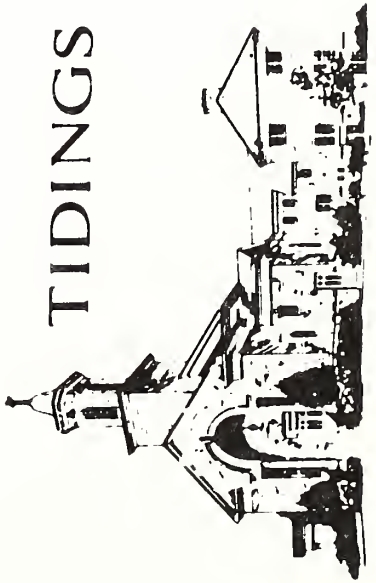

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PRAYERS & CONCERNS

The Ripple's daughter, Carolyn, died in El Cajon, California last week. Her funeral was Saturday.

Jeanetta Lahmeyer's brother, Frank, died in Ft. Wayne last week.

Kim and Roger Gross became husband and wife Wednesday, March 16. Congratulations!

Debbie and Max Knudsen are the proud new parents of Sarah Rene, born Sunday, March 20! Congratulations

Bobbie and Ken Macy are the proud new parents of Emily Nicole, born Thursday, March 17! Congratulations

Myrtle DeVinney's brother-in-law is at Parkview Hospital.

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Dear Friends,

We talk a lot about the "Kingdom of God." But what does this phrase mean?

Simply stated, the Kingdom of God is that realm in which God's will is obeyed. It is, thus, for human beings, a sort of voluntary kingdom, in which we can choose for the most part whether we will participate or not. Sometimes the Kingdom of God is apparent, as when everyone is cooperating with God. But these moments are fleeting at best. We see only momentary glimpses or "hints" of this Kingdom which we believe will be one day fulfilled.....just as we are yet seeing only hints of the spring which we hope and know is coming soon in its fullness.

In the meantime, it is our responsibility as Christians to cooperate in every way we can with God, and to seek to bring our world into line with God's will for it — a will that is characterized by justice, mercy, and peace.

When asked about his Kingdom, Jesus said it was not "of this world", but it is certainly meant to become real in this world. How can you and I further the Kingdom this week in this world?

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "Triumph". Read the Gospel's accounts of Palm Sunday.

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SCENE FROM FIRST

Judy Mey in the kitchen cutting up celery and onions and other good things for soup for the Lenten suppers. (In between she was sewing for the Lenten banner!).....Congratulations to David Hamm who was one of 4 top scorers in the statewide MathCounts contest in Terre Haute.....and to Laura Hamm who is going to the regional Science Fair.....Many thanks to Nancy Kolkman, for the much needed playpen.....Several of us enjoyed "talking to the artists" at intermission time during a dress rehearsal of the Philharmonic. In the aisles rather than on stage were Lenelle Ross, Dan Ross, and Sam Smith.....The Food Bank Volunteers' Recognition Luncheon for Mel Phillips brought to our house 125 workers, including Mayor Paul Helmke and Bishop John D'Arcy. It was a happy occasion.....Question: What well-known tenor refers to an equally well-known chairman of a very well-known committee as that "Short evangelism person?".....We have learned what the husband of Christian Education Minister does on Sundays when he's not hobnobbing at another church (which shall remain nameless) with the husband of the Music Minister. He wins first place in his class in Table Tennis tournament in Indianapolis! Congratulations George.....It was wonderful to have Esther Whitton here, escorted by her grand and great grandchild!

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

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12:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Practice

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Service

3:00 P.M. Prayer Chain Begins

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 A.M. Carillon Choir Practice

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Marshall Smith (2)

Marlo Quick (2)

Sylvia Engle (3)

Anna Chasar (3)

Phyllis Fitch (4)

Wes Westenfield (4)

Sharon Pauley (5)

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Scott Keebortz (6)

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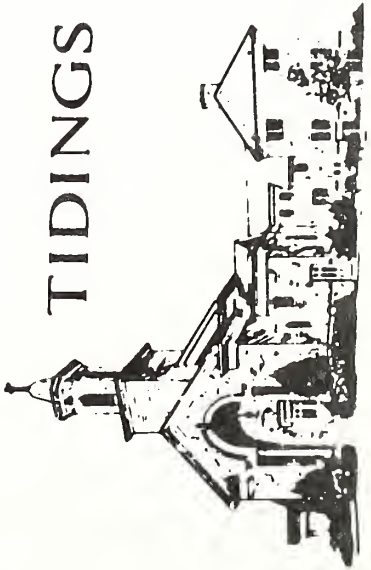

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Laurel Cole is in Veteran's.
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Come and learn about the role and needs of women in the Third World countries, and learn what you can do that is positive and constructive. Teens are invited too!

DON'T MENTION AGE (DMA)

We will tour the Air National Guard facilities on Friday, April 15. We'll gather at MCL Southtown for lunch at 11:45 a.m., and go to the Guard for a tour at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Men's softball starts Tuesday, May 3. Contact Kirk Spencer at 486-2440 (home) or 484-0671 (work) if you wish to participate.

DANCING? -------- YES! DANCING!

There are a great many references in the Bible to processions --- but not many to dancing. The few that are, however, take it very much for granted, and so we know that dancing had its place in religious life and worship. As an expression of sheer exuberance of spirit, it is unequaled. We very much appreciate the gift of Rebecca Feeley's dancing, leading the children in the procession of palms. Becky is very active with the Ft. Wayne Ballet, and we look forward to other times when she, tiny as she is, leads our worship of joy with great power. Thank you, Becky!

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Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are taking advantage of the wonderful special services that are being offered this week. It's a wonderful season as the winter and spring of our spiritual lives meet.

It's hard for me to believe, but this week marks the beginning of my seventh year with you! In so many ways, it still feels as though I'm just getting started here. I've got enough dreams and visions to last many more years with you. I hope you are feeling good about our time together, too -- I feel you are and frequently hear words of support and encouragement, for which I am most grateful. This is a great place to serve!

See you Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, I hope! May the peace that passes understanding be yours as a result of our Lenten journey together.

Love,

Dick

P.S. The Easter sermon will be "Supposing Him to be The Gardener!", based on John 20:1-18.

EASTER PLANT DONATIONS

In Memory of Ennis Brown from his children -- Barbara Richardson, Larry Brown, and Lea Hanaman.
In Honor of Gini Brown from her children -- Barbara Richardson, Larry Brown, and Lea Hanaman.
In Honor of grandmother, Mary Vanderwall, from Marlo Quick.
In Honor of her mother, from Jean McGrew.
In Memory of Leland Higgins from Mary Higgins.
In Honor of their children, Eric, Robin, and Mark, from Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman.
In Memory of mother, Belle Bowers, from Ruth Bennington.
In Memory of Trent A Stover from his uncle, aunt, and cousins -- Ray, Linda, Bryce, and Alisha Stover.
In Honor of grandfather and great-grandfather, Cordova Juday, from Ray, Linda, Bryce, and Alisha Stover.
To Celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary by Ken & Elinor Place.
In Memory of her father, Eugene Scherrer from Karen Bushey.
Don & Sue Oden.

SECRETARY ON VACATION

Diane Johnson will be on vacation from March 30 - April 11. Many thanks go to Linda Stover, who will be filling in for Diane while she's gone.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. at Kathlyn Banet's, 6420 Papago Court.

ELDERS' BREAKFAST/STUDY - 8:00 A.M. - SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-27-88

Melissa Childers, 4314 S.W. Anthony Wayne Drive.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Dick Mey - with John - laying the stone leading from sidewalk to ramp in very cold weather, a cup of steaming coffee on the sidewalk.....Lovely palms waved by the children and laid at the base of the Communion Table -- a gift from Sue Oden.....Curt Miller and Kirk Spencer making their debut as bell ringers.....Congratulations to Mark Zimmerman who won the 2nd award in the high school art exhibit at St. Francis College! One of 260 exhibits!.....Sara Mullen being spur-of-the-moment worship leader and handling it with complete poise.....Sacrificial Luncheon was served to 23.....and later on the Chancel, same day, many singers preparing for Good Friday.....Thanks to our Lenten families for reading the Lenten Liturgy well--and again especially to Laura York with Judy Mey helping for the banner and the symbols.....Bill Franklin in an apron serving the Cluster Choirs punch and coffee and goodies after practice Saturday. (Can you tell us, Jo, how you do it?).

SERVING APRIL 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and Bill Franklin

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IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

Roxy Wunderlich

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 A.M. Carillon Choir Practice

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service
7:15 A.M. Easter Breakfast
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Easter Worship Services

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Kathlyn Banet's, 6420 Papago Court
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 A.M. Elders' Breakfast/Study

BIRTHDAYS April 9-15

Ann Sands (9)
Betty Grimm (10)
Bud Ludwig (10)
Becky Glasgow (12)
Adam Hayes (12)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
John Merrill, Jr. (13)
Bud O'Laughlin (13)
Golden Rose (14)
Fenn Strole (14)
Ruth Yost (15)

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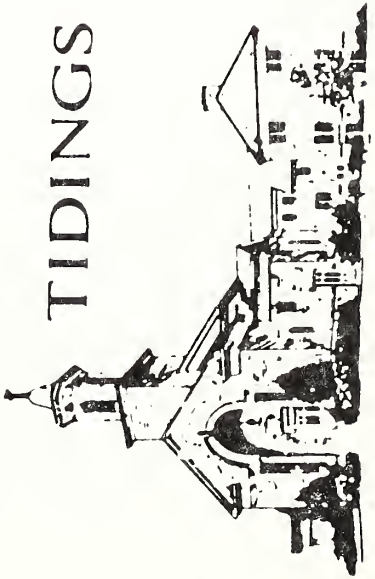

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kirk and Lynn Spencer came by transfer from Columbus, Ohio Sunday! They live at 5324 Evard 46835, phone 486-2440 with their children, Shawn and Brooke.

Ruth Bennington comes by transfer from the Presbyterian Church. She lives at 305 E. Fleming Dr. 46806, phone 456-9006.

The following young men made their confession of faith and were baptized Sunday: Heath Hudlow, Wes Hudlow, Jason Krull, Josh Lytle, and Mike Walsh. Congratulations!

Welcome to you all!

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May 11 - Rev. Alice Hupp
Pastor, First Christian Church, Auburn
"Mary Magdalene"
Please call Linn if you need child care.

JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, APRIL 10

All adults and teens are invited to join together for a quarterly forum class in fellowship hall, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. The subject will concern "Women in Development", and will be presented by Dr. Hamm on behalf of our Bread for the World group. You will have the opportunity to participate in an "Offering of Letters" to Congress.

Come and learn about the role and needs of women in the Third World countries, and learn what you can do that is positive and constructive.

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Sunday April 10, Senior Highs are invited to join the Adult Forum in Fellowship Hall. There will be NO Senior High Sunday School class starting April 17. If you would like to help in another class or the Nursery, please call Linn.

Sunday School is in need of scrap yarn. Please leave in the office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - April 17, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary - for annual Elections.

ELDERS' BREAKFAST/STUDY - April 9, 8:00 a.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Dan and Lenelle Ross are the proud new parents of Jonathan born Thursday, March 31.

Zimmermans' are grandparents! Eric is a father! Congratulations on the birth of Kayla Ryann.

Denise Hamilton has been called to be pastor of First Christian Church, Hartford City, Indiana. She and the family (Don, Chris, Christina) will move down to the parsonage late in April. Don will commute to Ft. Wayne to finish his one-year residency at Lutheran Hospital. He will do a second year of residency at Howard Community Hospital in Kokomo next fall. Congratulations Denise, and God bless you in your new ministry.

Laurell Cole is a patient at the V.A. Hospital.

Roxy Wunderlich has been moved to the Regency Place Nursing Home for physical therapy. She plans to return to her daughter's in a few weeks.

CPR CLASS TO BE OFFERED

On Saturday, July 9, CPR classes will be offered here at the church. The class will run 8:00a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and cost $10.00. Lutheran Hospital will lead. Mark your calendar now.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Author, Madeleine L'Engle, will be featured by The Friends of the Allen County Public Library Thursday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m. The lecture is free and open to all. Ms. L'Engle is an Evangelist on the staff of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in New York City and is familiar to young readers for her books about the Austin family. Saturday, May 14 Ms. L'Engle will present a workshop at Trinity Episcopal Church from 9:30 - 3:30. Lunch will be provided. Her book "And It Was Good", a study of Genesis will be the basis for the experience. Reservations for Saturday need to be in very soon because this will be a popular event. Please call Linn at 745-3239 if you are interested.

DON'T MENTION AGE (DMA)

We will tour the Air National Guard facilities on Friday, April 15. We'll gather at MCL Southtown for lunch at 11:45 a.m., and go to the Guard for a tour at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

SHARE THE CARE - SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 9:00 A.M.

Mark your calendar now and help "spruce up" the church!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We need persons to sign up for this important and fun task! The sign up card is in fellowship hall. It involves bringing cookies (or other items) and making coffee and tea to facilitate fellowship after 10:45 a.m. worship.

INTERESTED IN FORMING A MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP?

If so, a meeting at Huntington Central Church on Wednesday, April 13th, 6:30 p.m. (includes dinner) will be of interest. Transportation will be provided. Call the office (744-3239) to R.S.V.P. This could be an opportunity for us to get a men's group going.

ALL CANCER PATIENTS and members of their families are invited to a nondenominational Day of Recollection and Spiritual Growth to be held Saturday, April 16, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 West Jefferson Blvd., from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Rev. John Peterson, director of Lutheran Hospital's Chaplaincy Division, and Georgia Floyd, director of Pastoral Care at St. Joseph Medical Center, will discuss spiritual topics relevant to those dealing with the effects of cancer. Information on local support groups will also be available. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch for the lunch break. Drinks will be provided. Medical personnel are welcome. For more information, call Lutheran Hospital's Chaplaincy Division, 458-2117.

EASTER PLANT DONATIONS

In Memory of Carolyn Bernhard by Rolland & Genevieve Ripple and Wanda & Greg Hamm.
In Memory of daughter, Linda Kurtly from Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward.
In Memory of a dear friend, Jeanne Feltenberger from Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward.
In Memory of Ethel Flowers from Henry Flowers and family.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

How lovely the Holy Week Services and the Easter climax! I hope you were able to be present for it all.

I received a card of thanks last week from a friend I have been working with through some troubled times. On the card was a bit of verse from Sue Mitchell, which I think is excellent.

"There are times in every life when we feel hurt or alone.... But I believe that these times when we feel lost and all around us seems to be falling apart are really bridges of growth. We struggle and try to recapture the security of what was, but almost in spite of ourselves....we emerge on the other side with a new understanding, a new awareness, a new strength. It is almost as though we must go through the pain and the struggle in order to grow and reach new heights."

Springtime in nature is really rather violent, as buds push up through the soil and as the lightning cracks the sky. Our personal spiritual springtimes are no less violent, as we grow through struggle and pain. This is the essence of life.

God grants us the courage and the power and the Divine Presence to face up to the struggle and the growing we need to do. Where is your "growing edge"? Where is your springtime of the soul? Life is growth and struggle; all else is death.

May God grant you a resurrection and newness of life in the midst of your struggles!

Love, Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be " A Two Edged Sword".

FIRST REACHES OUT!

The Food Bank

First Christian's Food Bank is one of 22 in Ft. Wayne. The banks each have responsibility for a particular geographical area of the city. All together, these banks have served 55,000 family units (nearly 200,000 individuals), with 2,600,000 meals worth an estimated $2,000,000!

Our congregation has always been a generous supporter of our Food Bank and the larger system. We carry a balance of $500. in our local Food Bank account for emergencies (such as a freezer going out, or a natural disaster). But monies received above that balance are sent approximately quarterly to Associated Churches for support of the larger Food Bank System. Those dollars go for food only, not administration.

You can feel good about this ministry of our congregation to those in need. It's one way First Christian reaches out and says, "We care!"

(If you would like to serve as a Food Bank volunteer in our building, please call the church office and let us know!)

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE DRAFTING RESOLUTION

St. Louis, Mo. (DSN) -- The Disciples/UCC Ecumenical Partnership Committee has begun the process of drafting a resolution which is not expected to call for a union of the ywo churches but could call for the mutual recognition of each other as "church" to be presented at the 1989 General Assembly and General Synod.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Clever, happy Bunnies on doors around the building made by Girl Scout Troop No. 195, fun sight!.....Collin Miller counting his find--Easter Eggs from the big Hunt--in the Sanctuary after while his dad, Curt, finished ringing bells....Sara Renee Knudsen with mother Debbie, visiting Bell Choir for the first time at 2 weeks of age, Saturday morning and sleeping through not only the tolling but all admiring looks and smiles.....Sandy Zimmerman with tears of joy and relief giving us the good news that she and Jerry were thirty minutes into grandparenthood-- a baby girl for Eric and Robin -- at the warm-up time for the Cluster Choir---a happiness for us all!.....And Lenelle Ross wins the award for perseverance! Baby Johnathan was born on Thursday. She played a Philharmonic Concert Wednesday night!.....Hymn singing on Friday, with a packed congregation plus 60 voice choir, reaching the gates of Heaven!.....Who said James in ½ Century A.D. didn't wear glasses?.....Pat Mullen and Laura York enjoying bearding the Apostles.

SERVING APRIL 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Don Kampenga

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, J. Lindsay-NW, B. Lindsay, J. Kelly

10:45 A.M. P. Tobias-SW, D. Ross-NW, M. Hamm-SE, J. Bushey-NE, R. Stover, L. Stover, S. Callahan, K. Tobias

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8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

IN HOSPITALS

VETERAN'S:

Mr. Laurell Cole

BIRTHDAYS Continued

Karen Zimmerman (21)
Jack Hayes (22)
Dean Howard (22)
Sherri Melchi (22)
Larry Strickland (22)

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MONDAY, APRIL 11

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Edna Vaugh's
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

5:30 P.M. Basket Weaving Class in food bank room
6:15 P.M. Lafayette Assoc. in Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

5:30 Carillon
7:00 Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

12:00 NOON D.M.A.- MCL Southtown

BIRTHDAYS April 16-22

Aimie Pratt (16)
Diane Freimuth (16)
Richard Jackson (16)
John Weyer (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Ed Wooldridge (17)
Helen Polk (18)
Kate Cullen (19)
Iva Imbody (19)
Daniel Moody (19)
Arlene Downes (20)
Opal Carper (21)
Julia Hendricks (21)
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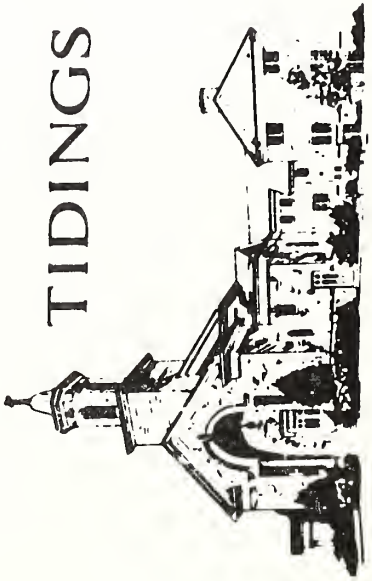

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

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APRIL 24 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Dr. Howard Goodrich, our Regional Minister, has recently visited several of our Disciple mission stations in Africa. On April 24, at noon, he and Darlene will share slides of these visits with us after a Fellowship Dinner.

The Meal will be provided for a free-will offering and the program will follow. Babysitting will be provided.

Sign up this Sunday or call the church office to R.S.V.P. 744-3239!

NAME TAG UPDATE

If you have lost your name tag or, for any reason, need another, please call the church office (744-3239) as soon as possible so we can place a new order next week. Thanks.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - April 17, 9:30 a.m.,Sanctuary - for annual Elections.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Anza Smith died last Saturday. Services were Monday. Our prayers go up for the family.

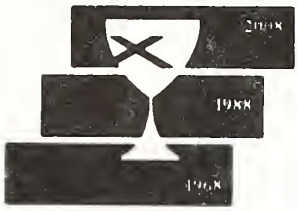
Ethel King fell and broke a hip and is in Parkview Hospital.

Laurel Cole is a patient in the V.A. Hospital.

Russell Sturgis fell and broke an arm and is in Lancaster, Pennsylvania General Hospital.

Tim Gaskill, son of Rose, brother of Kent, was wed last Saturday evening. Congratulations!

DISCIPLES BY DESIGN



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SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES including registration blanks are here. Stop by the Office and pick up your copy.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We are now in a most delightful part of the church year. New committees are being formulated to begin work in June, present committees are enjoying the afterflow of a year of faithful service and well done programming (not that the program year is totally complete yet). The staff is now thinking about possibilities for next year, and futuring is always exciting. With a full-staff on board, 1988-89 promises to be a great year, indeed. I hope you are feeling the excitement, too.

I'm afraid the week after Easter was not a terribly productive week for me. I was tired, occasionally depressed, and just generally "blah". But, that happens every year after Easter. It's a normal and healthy "let down", a time of "fallowness" when I catch up with myself. I think the rest of the staff and many volunteers have felt the same. It's O.K. The energy comes back, if we don't fight it!

I want to say a special word of thanks to Linda Stover for serving as church secretary for more than a week as Diane took a well-earned time off. Linda did a great job!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "The Good Shepherd", based on John 10:11-18.

THANKS

Thanks to Dr. Hamm and all our friends for the prayers, telephone calls and lovely cards that we received at the time of our daughter, Carolyn Bernhards death. God bless you all.

Rolland & Genevieve Ripple

MEL BUSSE MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On April 30, 11:00 a.m., the Aldersgate Little League will dedicate the Mel Busse Memorial Field. This is a fitting memorial for Mel, who gave so much to this program. The public is invited. The field is located at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN HOSPITALS:

Ethel King-Parkview; Laurel Cole-VA Hospital; Margaret Snouffer-Lutheran, Room 623; Sharon Pauley-Lutheran, Room 221.

AND OUR SHUT-INS:

Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Roxy Wunderlich. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. At Home: Marvel Brickley, Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Helen & Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

OFFERING OF LETTERS

Last Sunday, Dick Hamm led a class on the topic of U.S. Foreign Aid and Third World Women. Out of that class, some 50 letters have been written to our Senators and Congressman. If you would like information about the "Women in Development Act of 1988" now in Congress and would like to help, there is information and sample letters in Fellowship Hall.

This effort is part of an "Offering of Letters" being sponsored by our Bread For The World group. Writing letters on behalf of the poor and oppressed is a stewardship of our considerable political power as citizens of this great land.

SERVING APRIL 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson and Pat Mullen

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Deb Rinker & Bobbi Lockhart

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8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Sue Oden

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Congregational Election
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. New Curriculum Workshop at St. Peter's U.C.C. in Huntington
6:00 P.M. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at the church
7:15 P.M. Lay Leadership Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th
7:30 P.M. Women of the Bible Seminar

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 P.M. Parents' Night Out at Mike & Pat Mullen's, 4330 S. Harrison Street

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 A.M. Sunshine Committee Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Share the Care Day

BIRTHDAYS April 23-29
Dick Mey (23)
Becca Olson (23)
Devera Harter (24)
Grady Vandenwall (24)
Helen Reynolds (27)
Jessie Fern Woodward (28)

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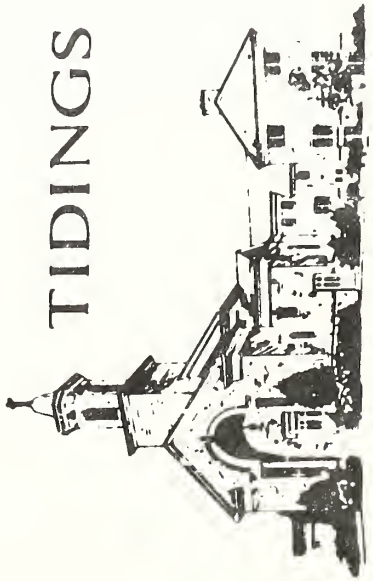

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FELLOWSHIP DINNER THIS SUNDAY!
Noon, April 24
Guest Speaker with slides of Africa
Dr. Howard Goodrich, Regional Minister

Meal: $3.25 per adult - age 16 and over; 15 and under - no charge
Menu: Marco Pollo Chicken (grilled, not fried). Child care provided. Dismiss by 1:30 p.m. Call the church office to RSVP - 744-3239.

NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
4 SEMINARS
April 20, 27 - May 4, 11
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
April 20 - Linn Bartling
"Ruth and Naomi"
April 27 - Rev. Alice Hupp
Pastor, First Christian Church, Auburn
"Mary Magdalene"
May 4 - Rev. Clare Walters
Interim Pastor, St. John's UCC Hudson
"Esther"
May 11 - Sara Day Cheesman
Associate Pastor, South Wayne Baptist
"Pricilla"
Please call Linn if you need child care.

SHARE THE CARE - THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 a.m. is the time. Bring your gloves and lawn care weapons, or indoor cleaning items. Let's "spruce up" for spring! The Christian Education Committee will paint the Children's Library. If you wield a mean roller - join us.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Remember those sinful, sticky confections you need to savor at the old ice cream shoppe? Well, they can be yours again. Come to the Mullens' (4330 S. Harrison Street) on Friday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. No-calorie ice cream will be provided (want to buy a bridge?), bring your favorite toppings! R.S.V.P. please, 745-9154. All welcome!

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PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Russell Sturgis died this week in Lancaster, PA. His funeral was in Fort Wayne.

Linda Stover's granddad died in Elwood this week.

Fred Smell is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and is getting a change of medication. Their new address is Robin Run Village, 6409 Peace Place, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Mary Wilhelm's sister, Velma Ayler, died April 2 in Madison, Indiana.

Ethel King is at Parkview.

Laurel Cole is at V.A. Hospital.

Sharon Pauley went home after back surgery.

Margaret Snouffer is home and doing fine.

Tony York is home from his tour of duty in Britain. He'll be home until mid May.

Marvel Brickley is doing much better.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Joe Fitch will be interim pastor at Central Christian, Huntington, until their new pastor arrives in June.

Maurice & Avis Thompson are moving to Robin Run in Indianapolis (where the Smells live).

THANK YOU'S

Laura York has done a super job as worship chair these past two years. The Lenten and Easter services bore the marks of her special touch and we say thank you so much Laura!

Gini Brown has been serving as the coordinator of volunteers for the Food Bank for some four years now. While she is continuing as a volunteer, she is passing the coordinator's hat to Dick Mory. Thanks, Gini for years of service in this way, and to Dick for assuming this new responsibility. We also appreciate Edna Nordblom who is food supply coordinator and Mary Wilhelm who keeps the books up to date.

If you are interested in the possibility of being a volunteer for the Food Bank, it is a one or two morning a month responsibility (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.). Call Dick Mory at 456-3961.

MANY, MANY THANKS

-----to all the members of the Chancel Choir and to the ringers in the Carillon Choir, and to all the children of the Christian Education Department who waved wonderful palms and sang, to Creative Arts in Worship children, to Rebecca Feeley for her dance, to our very special "Disciples" at supper, to our Lenten Readers -- and to all who gave palms, flowers, time, planning, assistance -- especially Jerry and Vee and Laura! Everybody, all of you, helped to make it a meaningful and loving Lenten season, and an exciting, joyous Easter! Thank you.

INVITATION

The Congregation is cordially invited to the installation of the Rev. Denise Hamilton as pastor of First Christian Church, Hartford City, Indiana, on Sunday, May 8, 4:00 p.m. Directions to the church can be obtained from the church office.

OFFERING OF LETTERS - LAST CALL!

If you wish to participate in this ministry to the needful, put your letter in the offering tray in fellowship hall this Sunday at the latest. Information is also at the display table.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES:

Starting April 10 babysitting will be provided from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Nursery. Please contact Linn if you wish to attend the 8:15 a.m. service and need child care at that time.

There will be NO Senior High Sunday School class starting April 17. Teens, if you would like to help in another class or the Nursery, please call Linn.

Sunday School is in need of scrap yarn. Please leave in the office.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES including registration blanks are here. Stop by the office and pick up your copy.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I need your help. I'm planning a sermon series on religious clichés. For example, "God never gives us more than we can bear", and "But for the Grace of God, there go I." Would you please take a few moments to think of the religious clichés you've always heard or spoken? Then, jot them on a piece of paper and hand them to me or send them to me. This would be most helpful. I think this could make for an interesting group of sermons, as we examine these clichés in the light of Scripture.

As predicted, my energy came back this week. I hope yours did, too! The respite in moisture made it possible to set out potatoes, peas, onions, etc.....that's always energizing for me.

Mindy and I have an arrangement about the garden. She pulls the small weeds and I pull the big ones. Works beautifully, I think!

Have a good week. See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Dr. Goodrich and Darlene will speak to us Sunday on the theme, "What in the World are Disciples Doing?" I think you'll enjoy it and benefit greatly.

ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

The annual Ecumenical Choir Festival will be held at First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield, on Sunday evening, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Massed choirs from First Christian, Christ United Methodist, First Baptist, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, Simpson United Methodist, South Wayne Baptist, and Waynedale United Methodist will sing together selected anthems -- one from each Director.

A massed choir of three Bell Choirs will also be a part of the service, directed by Eunice Wadewitz, First Baptist Church. The Bell choirs are from First Baptist, First Christian, and Lincolnshire.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN HOSPITALS:

Ethel King-Parkview, Room 542; Fred Smell-Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. and Laurel Cole in V.A. Hospital.

AND OUR SHUT-INS:

Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Mildred Tharp, Roxy Wunderlich. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. At Home: Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Helen & Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

Phyllis Fitch has been designated by our Board as an official delegate to the World Convention of Christian Churches, to be held in Australia this fall. If others are interested in this event, call Dick Hamm.

OVERSEAS WORKER KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (DNS) -- Wayne Steinert, 41, a Disciples overseas worker, was shot and killed on March 2 in Piet Retief, South Africa. The shooting is under investigation.

DISCIPLES CONTRIBUTE X-RAY EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRIAN HOSPITAL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (DNS) -- Disciples contributions provided a fully equipped x-ray room for the new hospital in Bolenge, Zaire. Disciples also support two doctors -- one African and one North American -- on the staff.

SERVING APRIL 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, N. Mennewisch, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Kerley-NW, K. Taylor-SE, J. Wagoner-NE, M. Crouse, C. Falbe, D. Mey, J. Mey

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, A. Kreischer, D. Kreischer

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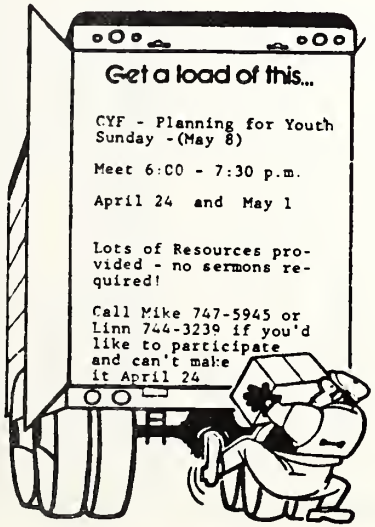

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12:00 NOON Fellowship Dinner followed by a slide presentation

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 25

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:00 P.M. Ad Campaign Meeting at North Christian

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Worship, Outreach & Service, and Property not meeting)

8:00 P.M. Lay Leadership Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th

7:30 P.M. Women of the Bible Seminar

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Practice @ First Baptist

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

11:00 A.M. Mel Busse Memorial Dedication @ Aldersgate Church

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 30-MAY 6

Mildred Hutchinson (30)
Virginia Brown (2)
Michael Byers (2)
Larry Busse (3)
Inez Petty (3)
Sharon Christoules (4)
Helen Steigerwald (4)
Ray Stover (4)
Helen Clymore (5)
Edna Johnson (5)
Lea Hanaman (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)

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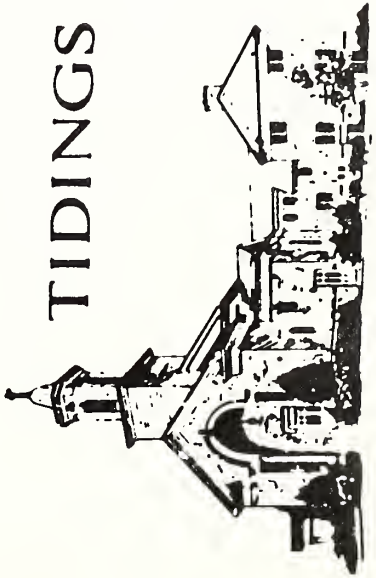

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jessica Hatten made her confession of faith and was baptized this Sunday. She lives with her parents, Charlie & Theresa, and sister Christina at 5128 Standish Drive.

Welcome Jessica!

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MEL BUSSE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD DEDICATION

10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30, next to Aldersgate United Methodist Church. All welcome!

C.W.F. SPRING BANQUET - MAY 2, 6:30 P.M.

"Come one! Come all!" (All ages that is.) All ladies are invited to our traditional Spring Banquet to be held in Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a guest whether it is your mother, sister, daughter, or just a special friend.

A buffet supper will be provided for your enjoyment followed by a very interesting and entertaining program given by Mrs. Antoinette Lee a Korean-American educator/counselor residing, and teaching in the gifted/talented program in Decatur.

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Blessing Box offerings will be dedicated at this program and new study materials for the 1988-89 C.W.F. year will be introduced. Lunch will be served before the closing. A car-pool may be formed by meeting in our church parking lot before 8:30 a.m. that morning.

BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 7:30 P.M.

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PRAYERS & CONCERNS & JOYS

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Mildred Tharp has moved to the Regency Place. Her address is 6006 Brandy Chase Cove 46815.

Laurell Cole is at the V.A. Hospital.

Margaret Snouffer expects to go home from Lutheran Hospital soon.

Sharon Pauley is recuperating from surgery -- she managed to make it to worship Sunday, we're happy to report.

Ethel King has returned to her Lawton Park home.

We hear Jeremy Stucky was baptized on Easter Sunday!

Roxy Wunderlich has returned to her home at her daughter's.

Late word has come that Dan Flickinger's wife, Mary Jo, is in intensive care at Lutheran.

THANK YOU

The "Share the Care" Day was very successful and helpful to the ongoing needs of our church property.

There were painters, builders, and craftsman, leaf rakers, stone movers, shrub trimmers, parking lot preservationists present and many tasks were accomplished.

We should see new grass near the side entrance soon. THANKS AGAIN to all who came and shared.

NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY - WOMEN OF THE BIBLE SEMINARS

May 4 - Rev. Clare Walter, Interim Pastor, St. John's UCC Hudson - "Esther"

May 11 - Sara Day Cheesman, Associate Pastor, South Wayne Baptist - "Lydia"

Please call Linn if you need child care!

NAOMI CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. with Reba Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Road.

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Mark you calendars now!
June 20-24
Journeys With Paul
Part II.
More details later.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

What's the Big Deal About South Africa?

There has been so much clamor in recent years about the state of South Africa. Why should Christians be concerned about this country? Some reasons follow.

1. South Africa practices Apartheid, a system that keeps the black populace (80% of the people of the state) subject to a white minority government. Apartheid is of the worst kind of systematic violence. It creates hunger and poverty as well as despair and a disregard for human rights.

2. South Africa is engaging in the systematic destabilization of its black neighboring countries (Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swqziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawni, and Tanzania). South Africa is doing this through military adventurism and political manipulation and intrigue, and through economic policies. It does this in order to remain the economic kingpin of the area, and to keep its own black population demoralized.

These flagrant violations of human justice and dignity are all the more frightening in light of the fact that South Africa now has nuclear capabilities!

What can we do about it? we can keep pressure on our Congress to tighten our economic sanctions on South Africa. We can also keep pressure on the White House to more faithfully execute the sanctions congress has already invoked.

Write a letter! The addresses are as follows:

Senator Richard Lugar,
Senator Dan Quayle,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman Dan Coats
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20510

President Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Keep the people of the South African region (black & white) in your prayers!

Love,

Dick

Please Note

MAY 1 - NEW - SENIOR HIGH FORUM will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Mike Piatt will facilitate the group.

No CYF at 6:00 P.M.

Summer is coming...
Brush up your skills

Babysitting course for Chi Rho (6, 7, + 8th grades
May 4 and 11
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Junior classroom

SERVING MAY 1

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8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and Wes Westerfield

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Johnson - D. Kreischer
D. Kampenga - K. Taylor
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9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle at Reba Fusselman's,
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 7

10:00 A.M. Youth Rehearsal

BIRTHDAYS May 7-13
Dave Annos (7)
Troy Pratt (7)
William Branstrator (8)
Jackie Keller (8)
Dick Vandenwall (8)
Irene Wooldridge (8)
Dan Dickey (10)
Jo Franklin (10)
Christina Hatten (12)
Burl Feltenberger (12)
John Hechler (12)
Mildred Tharp (12)
Gail Westerfield (12)
Bernice Schnobel (13)

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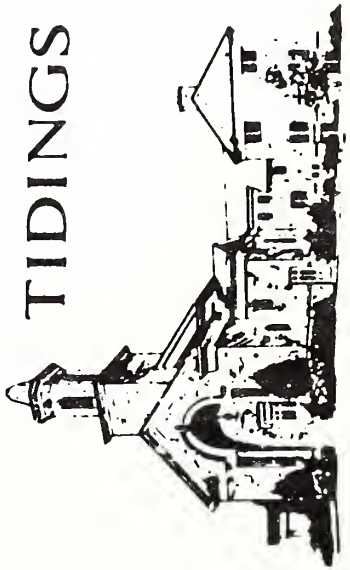

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ELECTION RESULTS

On April 17, the congregation elected the following officers for the new year (terms of service are two years; these folks join others who are still serving terms to which they were elected last year):

Officers for 1988-89 - Sandy Zimmerman, Secretary, Merle Grimm, Treasurer; Committee Chairmen/Chairwoman - Ralph Church, Stewardship, James Bushey, Property, Mindy Hamm, Diaconate, Kris Ohneck, Fellowship, Judy Mey, Worship, John Kelly, Personnel, Pat Mullen, Evangelism, Sue Brey, Christian Education, Nedra Feeley, Outreach & Service, Mildred I. Hartman, Lay Leadership; ELDERS - Eunice Conrad, Marvin Crouse, Sam Hayes, Delores Keebortz, Eileen Klepfer, Curt Miller, Kris Ohneck, Don Parlette, Rolland Ripple, Tom Walsh; REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Elders: Bill Johnson, Delores Keebortz, Eileen Klepfer; Deacons: Dave Kreischer, John Myers, Kathy Graham, Janet Myers, Phyllis Tobias; Congregation at Large: Lois Finkhousen, Sherry Lytle; Diaconate: Larry Brey, Carolyn Falbe, Kent Gaskill, Dee Harter, Charles Hatten, Debbie Knudsen, Dave Kreischer, Bobbi Lindsay, Jack Lindsay, Jean McGrew, Dick Mey, Mike Mullen, Don Oden, Sue Oden, Margaret Snouffer, Sam Smith, Linda Stover, Ken Taylor, Evelyn Yeoman, Jeff Young, Sandy Zimmerman.

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Our second annual Leadership Workshop will be on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the church. All Board members, Chairs, Presidents, Elders, Deacons are expected to be present. Other interested persons are also welcome.

This year's Workshop will be entirely different from last year's. See you there!

SATURDAY, MAY 21, GOLF TOURNEY

Affirmed tee-off times will be announced next week. We will play at Foster Park with a luncheon following.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 7:30 P.M.

MOTHER'S DAY
May 8, 1988

PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS

Fred Smell is doing well after extensive heart surgery.

Laurell Cole is in V.A. Hospital.

Dan Flickinger's wife, Mary Joe, is recovering nicely after an emergency surgery at Lutheran Hospital.

Cari Baker (Judy Mey's daughter) is in Lutheran Hospital having tests.

Milas Driver is in Lutheran Hospital.

INSTALLATION

The Congregation is cordially invited to the installation of the Rev. Denise Hamilton as pastor of First Christian Church, Hartford City, Sunday, May 8, 4:00 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR MEL PHILLIPS

There will be a reception honoring Mel Phillips on Sunday, May 15, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne Street. Mel is retiring as Director of Associated Churches. All are invited to attend.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED!

Housecleaning time is here. The adult library is "neated up" with books shelved in categories and card files up dated.

New books and "old goodies" becken the reader. Check out books by signing the charge card and placing it in the small metal box. When returning one, just place it on the small table where cards are stored.

Take time to look at a beautiful new volume "100 Years of Adventure and Discovery", a National Geographic Society contributed by Helen Polk as a memorial to her husband, Richard Polk.

Other recent additions given by Carol Funkhouser in memory of Fred & Muriel Wilson include the novels "Three from Galilee" by Marjorie Holmes, and "Ruth" by Lois Henderson and Reinhold Niebuhr's Justice & Mercy, a collection of sermons and prayers.

NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY - WOMEN OF THE BIBLE SEMINAR

May 11 - Sara Day Cheesman, Associate Pastor, South Wayne Baptist - "Lydia".
Please call Linn if you need child care!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN HOSPITALS: Cari Baker, M-211, Lutheran Hospital, Milas Driver, Room 471, Lutheran Hospital, Laurell Cole, V.A. Hospital, Fred Smell, Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton, Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. At Home: Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Helen & Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, Ardith Wrisk, and Roxy Wunderlich.

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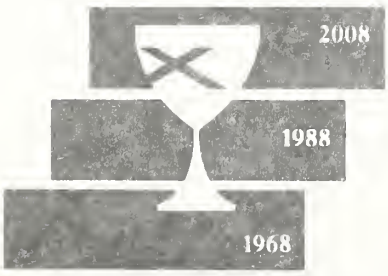

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I missed you Sunday! But I had a very worthwhile meeting to attend, a function of "Leadership Ft. Wayne", of which I am a class member this year. I look forward to seeing you this week!

A sense of excitement is building within me as we near the beginning of new year planning - because I'm already deeply engaged in planning and futuring. I can tell you that 1988-89 is going to be super for us as a congregation!

This Sunday, a number of our youth will be participating in worship leadership. I'll be preaching on "Stones & Walls". Read Ephesians Chapter 2, if you wish to prepare.

My sermons look like this for the next three Sundays:

May 8	"Stones & Walls"
May 15	"Great Commandment, Great Commission"
May 22	"Perspectives on Baptism"

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

-----the spring climax of the school year! Congratulations to Sara Mullen who is a member of South Side High School's Academic team which made the State Finals -- one of 25 schools out of 300!.....Dave Orr has a leading role in Man from La Mancha at Homestead High School, opening May 5.....Sometimes there are more visitors 1st service than 2nd -- it must be spring!.....New plant in the choir room, a gift from a lovely lady who also bakes.....Sara Glasgow warming up the children's choir in Creative Arts, a budding new director!.... Ringers hauling tables, foam, gloves, music, and bells to First Baptist and back home again -- "beasts of burden", someone said; talented and generous and patient, we say!.....Our young people, nervous about the All City Orchestra concert at the Embassy, but its worth it! Congratulations All!.....Exciting time for members of Chancel and Carillon Choirs to have the opportunity to sing with members of other choirs.....Orange balloons and blue ribbons from Aunt Sue's! How dear it is!.....Bring a friend to church Sunday.

REPRESENTATIVES

Ken Taylor will represent our congregation on the Board of Barbee Camp and Conference Center near Warsaw. This is the place most of our youth go for summer camp. It is owned and operated by the Christian Church in Indiana.

Dick Mory is continuing to serve as our representative to the Jail Ministry Board. This Board oversees the work of the Allen County Jail Chaplain.

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Saturday, May 21, 1988
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Lunch will be provided)

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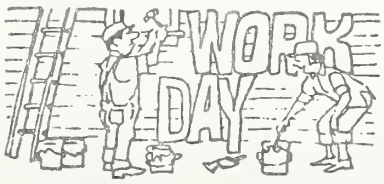

NEEDED: Women, Youth (high school) and Men (100)
OTHERWORK: Open the camp for our Summer Programs

Please call the Regional Office (317) 926-6051 or Ken Hillis (219) 834-4190 by May 15 to give the number of people from your church who will be at the Work Day!

SERVING MAY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, K. Graham-NW, S. Smith, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, P. Tobias-NW, M. Knudsen-SE, D. Knudsen-NE, J. Wagoner, M. Hamm, J. McGrew, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, A. Pittenger

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ACOLYTES

Matt Busse & Adam Hayes

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Nedra Feeley & Sue Stow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR - Christmas garland, small italian light strands, light color foam egg cartons, coffee cans (1 & 2 lb), Christmas and all-occasion wrapping paper, paper milk cartons (quart & pint). Put in

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 7

10:00 A.M. Youth Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 9

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6:00 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship Party Night

6:30 P.M. Babysitting Class for Chi Rho

7:30 P.M. Women of the Bible Seminar

THURSDAY, MAY 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 14

9:00 A.M. Area I Spring Assembly at Saturn Christian Church

BIRTHDAYS May 14-20

Delonis Anspach (15)
Earl Fusselman (15)
Mary New (15)
Lila Russell (15)
Marta Zoller (15)
John Myers (16)
Jane Vanderwall (16)
David Hamm (16)
Sam Hayes (17)
Carolyn Webster (17)
Shannon Jones (18)
Dan Ross (18)
Art Thomas (18)
Shirley Howell (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
Karen Elkins (20)

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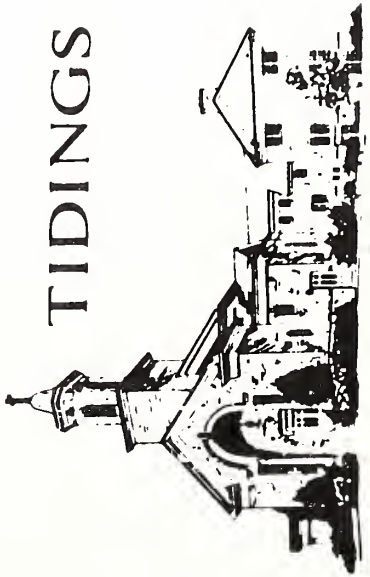

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Geraldine Halbrook transferred her membership Sunday from the Lutheran Church. She lives with her husband Bill at 2210 Valley Creek Run, New Haven, IN 46774.

Welcome!

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

On Sunday, June 5, we will have a Dedication Service in 10:45 a.m. worship. If you are interested, please call the church office (744-3239). Dick Hamm has more information.

C.W.F. GARAGE SALE - FRIDAY, MAY 20, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Donations for our C.W.F. Garage Sale may be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you need help getting them to the church, call Linda Stover (745-0252) or the church office (744-3239).

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Our second annual Leadership Workshop will be on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the church. All Board members, Chairs, Presidents, Elders, and Deacons are expected to be present. Other interested persons are also welcome.

This year's Workshop will be entirely different from last year's. See you there!

SATURDAY, MAY 21, ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY

All are welcome to join in this day of fun! We will be playing at Foster Park this year. Meet at Foster Park Club House at 8:30 a.m. Call the church office to R.S.V.P., so we will have an adequate number of tee times.

We will enjoy an awards banquet together afterwards.

CHOIR SUNDAY, MAY 15, BOTH SERVICES

In celebration of this, the 1987-88 choir season as it comes to an end for the summer, the Chancel Choir and the Carillon will be singing and ringing several of their favorite anthems from the years repertoire. The theme for the service is Great Commandment - Great Commission. There will be a sermon as well as the very special music.

The Chancel Choir has sung a total of 41 anthems this year. This represents hours and hours of dedicated service to the church. It also represents enormous energy and emotion expended, some frustration from time to time, and often great pleasure and satisfaction. Mostly it is a gift, for choir members literally place themselves in the offering plates week after week.

The congregation is especially invited to come and bring family and friends to either of the two services on the 15th and lead encouragement and appreciation to our choirs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please mark your calendars and leave dates open for these upcoming all-church events:

June 25 - All Church picnic at the Bushey residence. Fun for all ages!

July 15-17 - All Church camp-out. Call Kris Ohneck at 428-6212 or 447-2833 or Dick Hamm at the church office for reservations of camp sites. More details later!

THANK YOU

I want to express my appreciation for the special prayers, calls, cards, and words of sympathy extended me in the recent death of my sister.

Mary Wilhelm

CONGRATULATIONS

Robert I. Westerfield celebrated his 30th service anniversary on April 21. Wes is a Project Engineer for the Factory Assembly Shop Surveillance and Have Quick at Magnavox. Congratulations Wes!

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring The Rev. & Mrs. Melvin R. Phillips on his retirement after fifteen years as Executive Minister of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Inc. on Sunday, May 15, 1988, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 West Wayne Street.

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LOST A CHILD?

If you or someone you know has lost a baby, the "Project Comfort Support Group" meets on second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., at 2117 East State (across from Parkview Hospital). Open to parents who have suffered the loss of a child through stillbirth, miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or early infant death. For more info, call 484-6636 extension 2630.

HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH DIVORCE WORKSHOP

Parkview and Lincoln Corp. are sponsoring this workshop, Saturday, May 21, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., at the Grand Wayne Center. No charge.

The workshop looks at the emotional "fall-out" for kids of divorce, custody battles, etc. Call Dick Hamm for more info.

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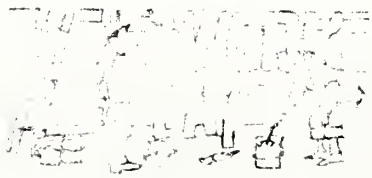

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Many nice comments have come my way in the wake of the "People" article in last Thursday's Journal Gazette. It was a nice article. The political announcement was perhaps 15 years premature, however!

There is a "hate group" that is taking advantage of the farm crisis. Called the "Identity Church", this group preaches that white anglo saxon protestants (WASPS) are the true Israel, that Jews are the anti-Christ, and that the second coming will be to the benefit of WASPS only. They are fanning frustration into paranoia and claiming that the farm crisis is a crisis being fostered by Jewish bankers. When will the anti-semitism (in the name of Christ) end? If you encounter this group, or anyone who sounds like it, in the Fort Wayne area, I'd like to know about it.

Many farmers are losing their farms because of poor financial decisions made with the encouragement of federal officials several years ago. That is tragic and frustrating, and our hearts go out to those who have gotten caught in this web of financial failure. But it has nothing to do with Jewish bankers! The "Identity Church" is just another attempt by a few dangerous people to lay their problems at the feet of another race.

Have a great week! I'll see you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be "Great Commandment, Great Commission" based on Matthew 22:34-40, 28:18-20. It is also a day to honor our fine Chancel Choir that works so hard to lead us in worship all year.

SCENE FROM FIRST

Large, Extra Large, and Super Large fire-engine red T-shirts all over everywhere, for our ball team.....Jon Ross making eyes at Sarah Knudsen at coffee hour -- a new romance?.....Thomas Lytle with a bit of a sore arm after being one of the percussionists for Creative Arts.....Tony York all smiles after Mother's Day service. We have to say good-bye again, for he leaves for Las Vegas and more Air Force.....Children enjoying cookies and lemonade left for them by Ken and Elinor Place after Coffee Hour last week.....Beautiful flautist - Tami Davis, accompanied by her mother, Sara.....Lovely corsages on lovely mothers in the services.....Youth pros as worship leaders -- Tina and Dave, with advisor Mike.....Gardeners getting concerned with lack of rain for newly planted flowers, fruits, and vegetables.....Gorgeous flowering trees on the church lawn.....It may be that Spring is really here!

COUPONS...COUPONS...COUPONS

Do you want to save on groceries and other household items? There are coupons in Fellowship Hall for your use!

Please Note

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will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Mike Piatt will facilitate the group.

OF GIANTS AND INFANTS

We have too many men of science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount....Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living.

---Gen. Omar N. Bradley is a 1948 Armistice Day address (Bradley was a Disciple)

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8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson and Pat Mullen

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USHERS

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Mel Phillips Reception at Trinity English Lutheran
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 16

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:15 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 17

5:25 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton #2
7:00 P.M. Leadership Workshop

THURSDAY, MAY 19

5:45 P.M. D.M.A.-Dinner at Gas House followed by a horse drawn trolley ride
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 20

9:00 A.M. Garage Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:30 A.M. Golf Outing @ Foster Park
9:00 A.M. Barbee Christian Camp Work Day

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Amy Hayes (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Bernard Ashe (21)
Edwin Day (22)
Jennifer Byers (23)
Bob Clipp (23)
Jay Bixenman (23)
Virginia Bruckman (25)
Don Smith (25)
Kristin Byers (26)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Harold Nordblom (26)

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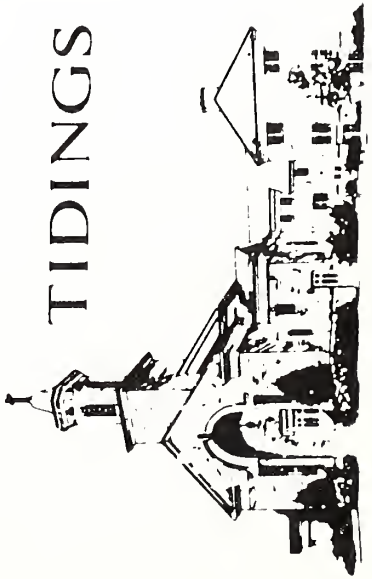

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ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

We need to hear from you NOW!

Dates: July 15-17 Place: Chain-O-Lakes

Bring your tent or your camper. Lots to do for the whole family (swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, campfire, singing, eating.....).

Call Kris Ohneck at 428-6212 (office) or 447-2833 (home), or Dick Hamm (744-3239) to register now so we can reserve choice camp sites!

PLANNING RETREAT

Our annual Church Planning Retreat will be on Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This is for all new Program Committees (Worship, Outreach, Christian Education, Evangelism, Property, Stewardship, Fellowship, and Lay Leadership. Personnel and Finance do not meet).

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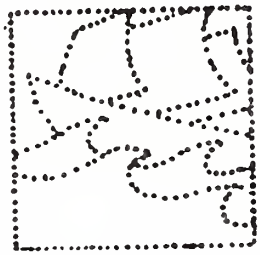
PRAYER SERVICE IS DISCONTINUED FOR THE SUMMER!

COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. Outreach & Service will meet on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

JOURNEYS WITH PAUL II

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL JUNE 20-24 - 9:00-11:30 AM



ITINERARY: Our tour will begin in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. From there we will divide into the City Churches of Paul's day and experience the Marketplace. Closing worship is from 11:15-11:30am.

AGES: Pre-school sections for 4's (must be 4 by October 1, 1988) and 5's (must be 5 by October 1, 1988). Limited to a total of 30 children in 2 sections. Those who have finished kindergarten through grade 5 are limited to 36 children total.

Teens aides are welcome as Deacons. Please see Linn Bartling 744-3239 or Sherry Lytle 745-5233 to sign-up.

TOUR GUIDES: Sherry Lytle, Sue Brey, Bobbi Lockhart and Rosie Krull.

"The story of Paul and the early church is exciting and full of adventure: a dramatic conversion, one narrow escape after another, a determined and courageous hero capable of inspiring others, perseverance in spite of suffering. It is the kind of story that might have attracted Hollywood's Cecil B. DeMille with his cast of thousands...

Paul's life and times contain many key concepts that are basic to our Christian faith and our understanding of the nature and purpose of the church." All About Paul

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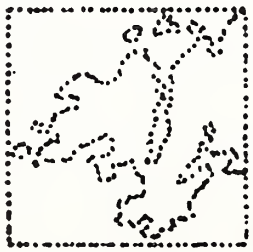

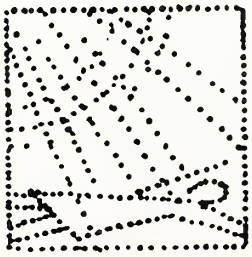

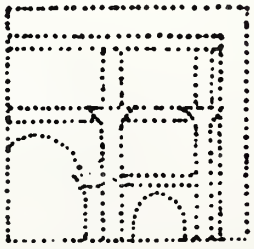

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Choir Sunday was delightful. I hope you were here to hear the beautiful voices and bells. The only bad thing about summer is the fact that our choirs take a rest then - but it is well deserved. The Chancel Choir will sing this Sunday, since it's Pentecost.

May is always a crazy month! Everyone's trying to do outdoor stuff, pack the last of regular season programming in; the schools fill the month with various things, etc., etc. But, doesn't the warm air and sunshine feel good? It's great to be alive! Take it as it comes; one day at a time.

Sunday is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. To celebrate, why not wear something red (the color of the season, symbolizing the tongues of fire)!

Have a great week. See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This week my sermon will be "Perspectives on Baptism." I think you'll find it interesting. It's a great occasion to invite someone to worship.

FINANCE REPORT

As of May 1, the following was accurate.

Actual income to date:	$66,582.77
Budgeted income to date:	74,267.32
Actual outgo to date:	72,210.87
Budgeted outgo to date:	78,339.28

These numbers mean that we have been underspending the budget by about $6,000.00 so far. That's good. But we are undergiving the budget by about $12,000.00, for a net deficit of $6,000.00 for the year thus far.

Expenses and outreach needs to continue through the summer, so let us make every effort to keep current in our giving, too!

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ruby Kolkman had knee surgery and is in Lutheran Hospital.

Bill Lehman will be home soon from Parkview.

Dick Mory's brother had a heart transplant in Indianapolis last week and is not doing well due to lung problems.

Betty Grimm's father is critically ill.

Fred Smell is doing great. He's home and now on a cane.

CONGRATULATIONS

Anne Lee, one of our non-resident members and daughter of Carol Davis, received her Masters at Ball State this month.

Leigh Westerfield, daughter of Wes & Mimi, received her Ph.D. at Bloomington!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN HOSPITALS: Ruby Kolkman - Lutheran Hospital, Bill Lehman - Parkview Hospital, Laurell Cole - V.A. Hospital.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-15-88

Carl & Garnita Altman, 6510 Covington Road

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP May 23, 1988 at 9:15 a.m. - Final meeting of the year.

SERVING MAY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Don Parlette and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-SW, E. Snouffer-NW, M. Hutchinson, S. Smith

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan-SW, J. Wagoner-NW, D. Mey-SE, J. Mey-NE, K. Taylor, C. Falbe, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Ott

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, D. Kreischer, M. Westerfield

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Brandon Falbe & D.J. Rinker

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Sue Kerley

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Karen Bushey & Jo Sickafoose

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:30 A.M. Golf Outing at Foster Park

9:30 A.M. Barbee Christian Camp Work Day

6:30 P.M. Parent's Night Out at Mey's

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship

8:30 A.M. Teacher Breakfast

9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship - Teacher Recognition at this Service

MONDAY, MAY 23

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

12:00 NOON Fellowship Guild at Lambros

6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at West Creighton

7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Outreach & Service not meeting)

8:15 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park

BIRTHDAYS May 28-June 3

Gene Klepfer (28)
Pat Mullen (28)
Genie Slick (28)
Carolyn Gardner (29)
Jo Roseberry (30)
Mike McFarland (1)
Art Chevalier (1)
Necia Stucker (3)
Susan Stow (3)
Rose Gaskill (3)

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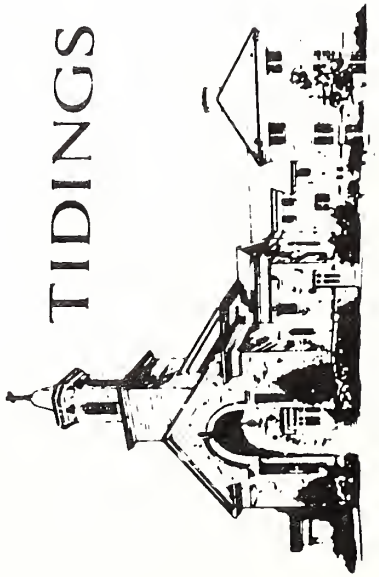

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ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

We need to hear from you NOW!

Dates: July 15-17 Place: Chain-O-Lakes

Bring your tent or your camper. Lots to do for the whole family (swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, campfire, singing, eating.....).

Call Kris Ohneck at 428-6212 (office) or 447-2833 (home), or Dick Hamm (744-3239) to register now so we can reserve choice camp sites.

JOURNEYS WITH PAUL II

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL JUNE 20-24 - 9:00-11:30 AM

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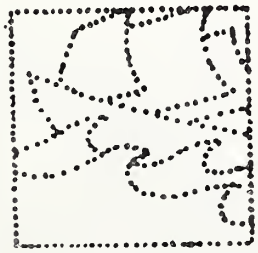

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Walter, Steve, and Ryan Bowen, and Marge Thomas won the Golf Outing last Saturday. A good time was had by all 24 golfers. Thanks to Eileen Klepfer for organizing it again!

ALL CHOIRS - MANY, MANY THANKS

To members of the Chancel Choir, to members of the Carillon, and to all the children in Creative Arts. It is not easy to let go of you for the summer, and I will miss you, and our work together and all our fun! On behalf of the staff and of the congregation, I thank you for your commitment to "all things bright and beautiful" in the name of our Lord. What better response to His love than making music together! For all the time, and energy, and concentration it takes to accomplish all you have given away freely this year of your talents separately and together, I thank you! And I look forward to more good things next year.

Helen

CONCERNS

Dick Mory's brother died last week. His funeral was in Kendallville.

Mindy Hamm's mother suffered a heart attack last week. She's in the Bluffton Clinic.

NAOMI CIRCLE

The Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. with Ann Pittenger, 2937 Westbrook Drive, Park Place Condo, (Club House). Parking adjacent to the Club House. This will be a potluck. Please bring your own table service.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-22-88

Mr. & Mrs. Al Fishburn, 8612 Creekside Place; Barry Nordblom, Gloucester, VA; William & Mary Jane Gibson, West Sacramento, CA.

Actually time itself is neutral, it can be used destructively or constructively...Progress comes through the tireless efforts of people willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hardwork, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation.

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C.W.F. WRAP-UP PICNIC & OFFICER INSTALLATION

C.W.F. will have a wrap-up picnic on Saturday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall. An installation service will be held for 1988-89 officers. Call Linda Stover with reservations by Wednesday, June 1, and if you need babysitting. Food and drink will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All Church Picnic - Saturday, June 25, 1988. More details later.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Like most institutions, the Church has some "shop words": words that seldom occur outside the context of the Church. Sometimes, these are words used almost entirely by ministers or specific groups within the church and are not fully understood by all the members. For example, the following are words with which you should become familiar:

Ecumenical: This word refers to the whole Church, all who believe in Christ. We speak of the "ecumenical Church", or the Church Universal. The ecumenical movement, with its institutions (like the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches) seeks to affirm and restore the spiritual oneness of all Christians. The ecumenical movement seeks to do this, in part, by fostering communication and cooperation between various groups across denominational, national, and cultural lines.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is an ecumenical group because we believe in the essential oneness of all Christians.

Inter-denominational: This word refers to specific cooperation between two or more denominations. For example, a conference or seminar sponsored jointly by two denominations would be an inter-denominational meeting.

Non-denominational: This is a tricky word. It implies that something is free of any denominational slant, such as "non-denominational" Bible studies. But the fact is, there is no such thing as being free of any denominational slant.....everything has to come from somewhere. If a Bible study, for example, claims to be non-denominational, it usually means it comes from a right wing, fundamentalist perspective. Therefore, such material should usually be avoided as grossly biased. Better to use "ecumenical" material that is written cooperatively with many different groups and therefore most nearly neutral and free of bias.

Words aren't always what they seem, are they? But they are fascinating. If you see a word you don't understand, ask me about it, others probably wonder, too.

Have a great Memorial Day!

Love,

Dick

SCENE FROM FIRST

Red flames, red flowers, red paraments, red stoles -- a memorable Pentecost Sunday.....Readily identifiable teachers with their corsages for recognition and appreciation Sunday.....Exhausted women who worked so hard for the Rummage Sale -- and who made it wonderfully successful.....Twenty four golfers, tired and happy, at lunch after the big tournament.....and lots of parents partying at Mey's on their night out.....D.M.A. on a trolley ride!.....Members of the Carillon and Chancel Choir enjoying their final fling after the last practice.....Perhaps the third week in May ought be designated Party Week at First Christian Church! New calendar item for the Vision booklet!.....Have a happy long weekend for Memorial Day!

Summer Sunday School for children 4 years old and older for June & July will focus on peacemaking. Beginners will meet in their regular classroom. Elementary age children will experience learning centers.

Nursery Care is available and extended session will meet as usual.

SERVING MAY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Don Kampenga and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lindsay-SW, J. Kelly-NW, K. Graham, J. Lindsay

10:45 A.M. K. Tobias-SW, B. Hayes-NW, R. Stover-SE, L. Stover-NE, K. Ohneck, D. Mey, M. Hamm, D. Kreischer

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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M. Grimm - S. Callahan
J. Church - M. Crouse
W. Westerfield - C. Falbe

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Harold & Edna Nordblom

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Lois Finkhousen & Becca Olson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh

If anyone would like to submit a fun item for Scenes, please call the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Mondays.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:30 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Ann Pittenger's, 2937 Westbrook Drive, Park Place Condo (Club House)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

11:30 A.M. C.W.F. Wrap-Up Picnic-Office Installation

NEXT SUNDAY: Parent-Child Dedication

BIRTHDAYS June 5-10
Dave Rinker (5)
Ralph Church (6)
Terry Walters (6)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Stephan Taulbee (7)
Pat Spangle (8)
Ron Kiger (8)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Jane Harts (9)
Clarence Hetrick (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Don Oden (9)
Chad Cline (9)
Bill Howard (10)
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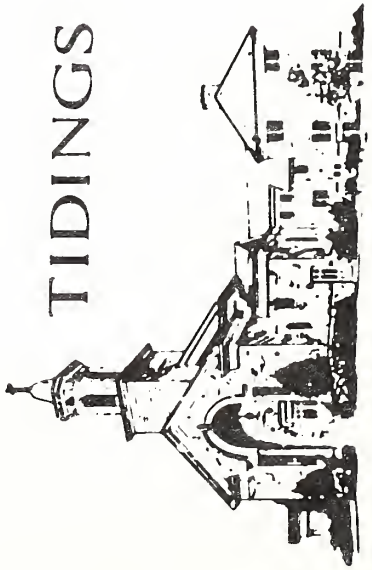

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CAMPER COMMISSIONING SERVICE - JUNE 12

Those youth going to church camp will be commissioned on Sunday, June 12, 10:45 a.m. Each camper will also receive a gift!

ELDERS MEETING (FOR CONTINUING AND NEW ELDERS)

Tuesday, June 7, important agenda.
7:00 p.m. New Elder training and orientation.
8:00 p.m. Meeting of all Elders.

PREMARITAL SEMINAR - JUNE 12

Couples contemplating marriage, or newly married, are welcome to take part in this free seminar Sunday, June 12, 2:30 - 8:00 p.m. We cover topics such as values, role models, finances, sex, communication, and more.

Call the church office to register: 744-3239.

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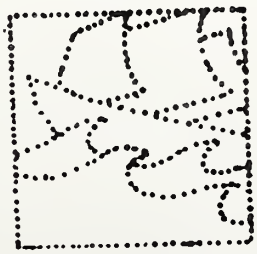

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BAZAAR NOTES:

A rag basket workshop hosted by Deb Miller is coming up Thursday, June 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. There will be a small fee. We need donations of fabric scraps and clothesline. Please give to Deb or bring to the craft exchange table in Fellowship Hall. Registration will be Sunday, June 12, in Fellowship Hall. Class size is limited to 10-12 people.

A Christmas ornament workshop is coming up on June 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will make stockings with teddy bears and Victorian fans. No registration is necessary, just come and help out. All items at this workshop are being made for the bazaar.

A beautiful full size quilt top circa 1920's has been generously donated by Shirley Dibble for our Bazaar. Are there any quilters out there who would be willing to work on this project? Would someone be willing to donate the quilt batting? A quilt frame is also needed. If you can help in any way, call Sherry, Pat, Deb, or Kris.

We are still in need of small Christmas lights, garland, Planters cans (Cheez Balls) 7.5 oz. size, and coffee cans. Thank you.

AREA I - AND THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

On June 12 at 5:00 p.m. at West Creighton Christian Church, 845 West Creighton Avenue, The Festival Choirs will be presenting their 1988 concert for the Area I Christian Churches. On the concert program are several short talks by members of the choirs about significant experiences which the choirs had on its 1987 European trip, particularly in the Eastern Bloc countries of East Germany and Czechoslovakia, as well as beautiful music. The theme for this years concert is Many Gifts, One Spirit.

More support for the choirs and of their peace making activities has come from the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, locally and on a denominational level than from any other denomination, and so this concert is the choirs' way of saying "thank you", not only to First Christian for its considerable office and secretarial help, but to West Crieghton for its housing of the choirs' rehearsals and the loan of its handbells.

Members of the choirs represent over 25 churches in the Fort Wayne area, with 3 from First Christian and the director, 5 from West Creighton, and 3 from North Christian.

The congregation, families, and friends are invited to this concert and to the salad and sandwich supper to follow. Everyone is invited to bring a salad or a plate of sandwiches and enjoy the evening performance and a happy time together. Child-care will be provided.

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THE FESTIVAL CHOIR ON TOUR

The Festival Choirs, born from Fort Wayne's Festival of Peace and Understanding sponsored by Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, will be a part of the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics to be held in Terre Haute June 3 and through the weekend. On June 4, the choirs will sing at Olympic Village, and will serve as volunteers assisting the athletes in a variety of ways.

From June 17-June 26 the choirs will be on tour beginning with the Indiana-Kentucky Conference, United Church of Christ, in Indianapolis, and traveling on through Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

In August the choirs will sing and ring for the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, to be held this year in Muncie.

John Krueger, pastor of Peace United Church of Christ, is pastoral advisor for the choirs. Helen Donnell is the director of the singing group, Phil Zimmerman directs the bells.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Some time ago a friend passed the following list of "Rules" to me. I find a lot of truth in this, so thought I'd pass it on to you. File it in the "For Whatever It's Worth" department.

Rules for Being Human

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.

2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.

3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error, experimentation. The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works".

4. A lesson is repeated until learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.

5. Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons, if you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.

6. "There" is no better than "here". When your "there" has become a "here" you will simply obtain another "there" that will, again, look better than "here".

7. Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself.

8. What you make of your life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.

9. Your answers lie inside you. The answers to life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.

10. You will forget all this.

Lots of "fodder" for thought here.
Have a great week and I'll see you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday I'll be preaching on "Taking Responsibility for Ourselves". May sound "preachy", but I think you'll find it helpful and interesting, if perhaps at moments somewhat painful!

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10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepfer and John Ohneck

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, H. Nordblom

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory
10:45 A.M. Deb Knudsen

FT. WAYNE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS

The Chorus will be auditioning singers for next year until June 15. If you are interested, or wish more information, please call Helen Donnell.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
11:30 A.M. C.W.F. Wrap-Up Picnic & Officer Installation

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 6
7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
5:25 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen #4
7:00 P.M. New Elder Training & Orientation
8:00 P.M. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
12:00 NOON Associated Churches Board Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
9:00 A.M. All Church Planning Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY: Marriage Seminar - 2:30 - 8:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS June 11-17
Bev Hendricks (12)
Jody Brown (12)
Susan Thompson (13)
Janell Gaskill (14)
Michael Watson (14)
Mike Stow (14)
Vee Parlette (15)
Douglas Allen (15)
Clinton Crowe (15)
Mary King (16)
Laura McFarland (16)
Jo Weyer (16)
Andy Cook (17)

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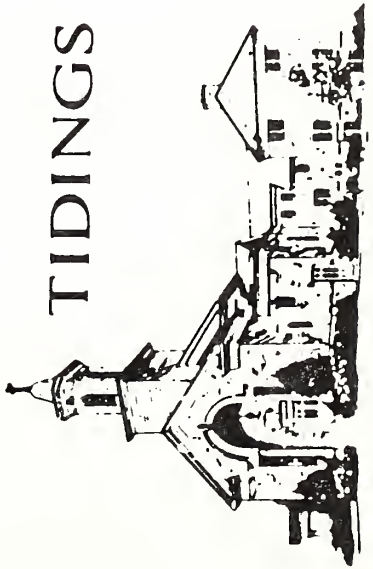

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC - SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Dinner will be at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Jim & Karen Bushey's, 10218 Winchester Road. Phone numbers is 747-3770. Bring yard chairs, dish to share with others, softball gloves, tennis rackets.

GAMES: Volleyball, softball, kids games, fun for all. Drinks, ice, and paper supplies will be provided.

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CAMPER COMMISSIONING SERVICE - THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 12

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THE FESTIVAL CHOIRS AT WEST CREIGHTON

On June 12 (this Sunday) at 5:00 p.m., the Festival Choir will be singing its 1988 concert at West Creighton Christian Church. The concert program Many Gifts, One Spirit includes several short talks by members of the choir about a few of the significant experiences the choir had in Eastern Europe last summer. We have called it "Many Gifts, One Spirit" because there was no really good reason why it should have been the kind of success it was unless God had had a very large Hand in it!

Area I Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, are invited especially to this concert for it is the choirs' way of saying thank you for the support from the individual churches and from the Denomination. It has been an extraordinary experience to have received such encouragement and tangible help.

Following the concert there will be a salad and sandwich supper and guests are invited to bring salad and sandwiches to share so that members and friends of Area I might fellowship together.

Please come and enjoy the music, and be a part of the ongoing activity of this group of singers committed to Shalom. Four of them are from First Christian, and 8 are from other Disciples' churches.

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 P.M.

This is for 1987-88 Board, not the new Board (although all Board meetings are open to all members).

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come and learn what you can do for hunger.

ELDERS' BREAKFAST STUDY, Saturday, June 18, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. at the church.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - This committee will meet Saturday, June 18, 9:45 a.m. at the church.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Sandy Zimmerman's father passed away last week at his home in Ohio. Our prayers are with Sandy and the family.

Ethel Allen has been released from St. Joseph Hospital.

Helen Reynolds is critically ill in Lutheran Hospital's ICU, having suffered a heart attack.

Ruby Kolkman has been released from the hospital to Woodview Nursing Home for continued therapy for her knee.

ATTENTION DIACONATE

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Summer Sunday School for children 4 years old and older for June & July will focus on peacemaking. Beginners will meet in their regular classroom. Elementary age children will experience learning centers in the children's library.

Nursery Care is available and extended session will meet as usual.

BAZAAR NOTES:

A rag basket workshop hosted by Deb Miller is coming up Thursday, June 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. There will be a small fee. We need donations of fabric scraps and clothesline. Please give to Deb or bring to the craft exchange table in Fellowship Hall. Registration will be Sunday, June 12, in Fellowship Hall. Class size is limited to 10-12 people.

A Christmas ornament workshop is coming up on June 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will make stockings with teddy bears and Victorian fans. No registration is necessary, just come and help out. All items at this workshop are being made for the bazaar.

A beautiful full size quilt top circa 1920's has been generously donated by Shirley Dibble for our Bazaar. Are there any quilters out there who would be willing to work on this project? Would someone be willing to donate the quilt batting? A quilt frame is also needed. If you can help in any way, call Sherry, Pat, Deb, or Kris.

We are still in need of small Christmas lights, garland, Planters cans (Cheez Balls) 7.5 oz. size, and coffee cans. Thank you.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Apparently the sermon Sunday hit home for a lot of folks. Three or four people assumed that I had preached the sermon with them specifically in mind.....I mean specifically! I know that taking responsibility for feelings is a continuing issue and growing edge for all of us. I'm glad so many found the sermon helpful.

As a pastoral counselor, I find that psychology has its definite limitations. It can and does bring us wonderful insights, and these are essential to understanding ourselves. But ultimately, our self-worth and fear of death issues (which are the underlying root of most psychological problems) can be addressed only by faith. It is God from whom we must ultimately receive our sense of worth and existential security. This is why recognizing our worth through Jesus Christ is a first step to emotional wholeness. We need psychology and faith.

I'm primed for the Planning Retreat Saturday. The possibilities before us are truly tremendous. Come ready to create!

See you Saturday, I hope, and Sunday! Have a great week.

Love,

Dick

P.S. "Use Me, O Lord, Especially In An Advisory Position!"

Staff and Program evaluation forms will be available this Sunday in adult Sunday School classes and in the narthex. Please take a few minutes to pick up a copy, fill it out, and leave it with an usher or staff person. Your help will be appreciated as we review staff salaries and plan for the new year.

SCENE FROM FIRST

John and Betty Briggs coming home for a visit and the renewal that comes from touching roots! Good to see them again!.....The very lovely music from the Davis family- Sara, Tami, and Jim, with father George a cheering section - beautifully appropriate for the dedication ceremony of parents and babies.....Welcome to Emily, Sarah, and Vicki to our world; God bless all three and their parents.....John Perry - we miss you!.....New committee chairpersons asking lots of questions and becoming well acquainted with their new responsibilities.....Have you visited the libraries lately? They are wonderful resource places!.....Congratulations to David Orr graduating from Homestead High School and winning the coveted John Phillip Sousa Award for most outstanding music student.....If you have suggestions or opinions about anything, please use the suggestion box outside the chapel as one of the ways to reach a committee! Its been empty lately!.....Comment from Pat Mullen: "I wouldn't ever want to sell myself short".....No comment!

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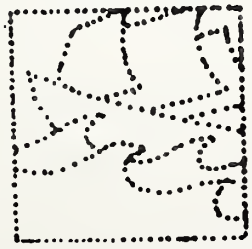

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10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield and Liz Johnson

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8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, M. Novachcoff-NW, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay

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USHERS

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 A.M. All Church Planning Retreat

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. Marriage Seminar
5:00 P.M. Festival Choir at West Creighton Christian Church

MONDAY, JUNE 13

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Edna Vaught's, 4035 Fairfield

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
6:35 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen #4
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

6:30 P.M. Rag Basket Worship

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 A.M. Elders Breakfast Study
9:45 A.M. Personnel Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. Fort Wayne Children's Choir Homecoming Concert

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 18-24

Gene Auer (18)
Gary Hall (18)
Fern Kenline (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Gloria Horine (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Esther Whitton (19)
Robert Coleman (19)
Joan Penny (20)
Roxy Wunderlich (20)
Orie McDougle (21)
Scott Rayl (21)
George Hosfield (21)
Henry Flowers (23)
Shari Hensch (23)
Terri Pfenning (23)
Kurt Schryver (23)
Jack Weicker (23)
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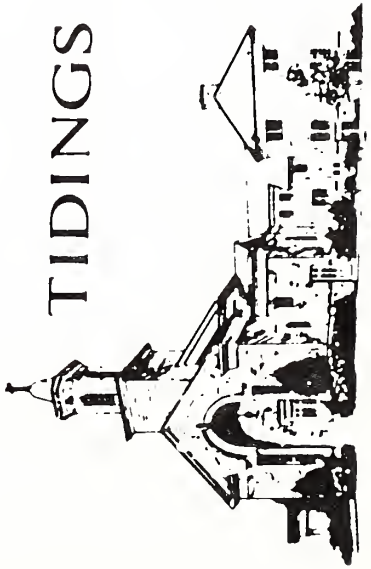

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VISITOR INFORMATION MEETING

Have you been visiting First Christian and wondering about some of our practices and what we represent? Then you are invited to a Visitor Information Meeting: an informal gathering at the Hamm's, 1031 W. Sherwood Terrace, on Sunday, June 26. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the church office (744-3239). It's a great time to answer questions and to meet a few people. Join us!

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CPR TRAINING OFFERED

CPR training will be offered members of the church on Saturday, July 9, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost is $10.00. This life saving technique is an important skill to acquire and maintain. Call the church (744-3239) to RSVP this week!

NEW COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m. to finalize plans begun at the Planning Retreat: Christian Education, Property, Fellowship, Evangelism, Lay Leadership, Outreach & Service, Stewardship, and Worship.

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 P.M.

This is for 1987-88 Board, not the new Board (although all Board meetings are open to all members).

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come and learn what you can do for hunger.

ELDERS' BREAKFAST STUDY, Saturday, June 18, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. at the church.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - This committee will meet Saturday, June 18, 9:45 a.m. at the church.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Helen Reynolds died Sunday afternoon after two weeks of struggle with a heart ailment. Our prayers are with Ralph and the rest of the family.

Bill & Bev Kerr are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday at 5:22 a.m. 9 lbs. 5½ oz. They have not yet chosen a name.

INVITATION

North Christian Church invites us to a concert at their church on Friday, June 24, 7:00 p.m. "The Revelationaires", a youth choir from the Webster Groves Christian Church in St. Louis, MO, will be presenting the concert as part of their summer tour.

You are invited to attend the Fort Wayne Children's Choir program on Saturday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. No charge. Sara & Jim Davis will be participating.

'87-'88 CWF SERVICE PROJECT COLLECTIONS will end June 30 and the collection boxes will be removed from Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generous support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS please return Teacher's Manuals to office!

THOSE ATTENDING CAMP NEXT WEEK, JUNE 20-25 AT BARBEE:

Kelly Walsh, Laura Hamm, and Becky Krull.

CHOIR ON TOUR!

The Festival Choir, including four of our Chancel Choir members, will leave June 17, returning late June 26, for a tour of Wisconsin, Minneapolis - St. Paul, and Illinois. Members of the choir from First Christian are Rose Ann Gaskill, Barbara and Tom Rogers, and Helen Donnell. Please include them, their mission, ministry, and music in your prayers, as they continue to sing of Shalom.

On tour the offerings from the concerts have gone for causes of peace and justice chosen by the community and have included such things as the Heifer Project, Commission for Peace and Justice, an organization helping battered wives and children, and others.

In August the membership of the choir opens for any one who would like to sing at the Festival of Peace and Understanding. If you are interested, please speak to Helen -- or just come. Rehearsals for the Festival are August 1,2,3,4 at Plymouth Church. The Celebration of Friendship will be at the Foellinger Theater, Franke Park, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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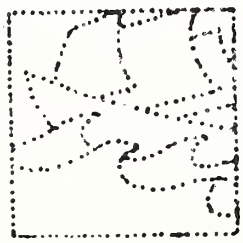

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was delighted with the turn out for the Planning Retreat Saturday. About 50 persons came to plan programs for 1988-89. There were some exciting ideas and innovations. The Spirit moved among us. Thanks to all who came and made it happen.

In case you're wondering about the preaching menu for the next few weeks, here's what I'll be bringing:

June 19	"On Wishing Our Lives Away"
June 26	"On Hitting the Wall"
July 3	"All Men Are Created Equal" (This marks the beginning of a series on religious cliches.)
July 10	"But for the Grace of God....."
July 17	"God Never Gives More Than We Can Handle"

I think you'll find these interesting and useful. That is certainly my prayer. Of course, sometimes the Spirit moves me in a direction different from that which I had planned, and so these titles are subject to change.

Who will you invite to worship during these next several weeks?

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Chuck Babcock is a fine preacher. I appreciated his message last Sunday very much. Remember to watch those ditches!

SCENE FROM FIRST

Elders serious, contemplative faces as they respond to the Evaluation forms.....Excitement at the Leadership Retreat over plans for next year.....Babes of hay? Babes of hay..... Horses? Dick riding a horse? Dick riding a horse.....Costume dress? Costume dress.....And what for? -- why, Alexander Campbells 200th birthday anniversary celebration outside on the lawn!!! -- Of course, we knew it all the time!.....In the early morning, John picking up scattered trash from passersby on the church yard.....Mrs. Charles Babcock saying at Fellowship Hour: "No, I didn't enjoy the trip to South America. I appreciated the opportunity and loved the people, but 'enjoy' all the poverty -- that's the wrong word".....It was good to have them with us and we look forward to hearing more of their four months Sabbatical in Central and South America at an Area I Assembly here in September.....Valetta Parlette's beautiful playing in the services.....Judy Church looking all spiffy in her First Christian Church T-shirt!.....Why don't we wear them more often!

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 6-12-88

Debi VanDaele, 6102 E. Paulding Road; Thomas & Teresa Penny, 5005 Nevada.

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

11:00 A.M. All Church Picnic at Jim & Karen Bushey's, 10218 Winchester Road

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Lois Buchanan (27)
Joseph Fitch (27)
Dwain Graham (28)
Scott Rayl (28)
George Hosfield (28)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Mildred Linn (29)
Thomas Rayl (29)
Karen Buzzard (29)
Cheryl Busse (30)
Schellie Englehart (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)

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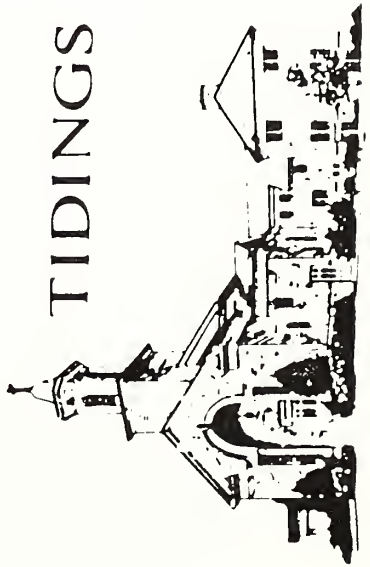

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OFFICER INSTALLATION THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 26

All incoming members of the church Board, officers of the church, and officers of the Christian Women's Fellowship are asked to be present this Sunday, June 26, 10:45 a.m., for a brief service of installation.

NEW COMMITTEES MEET TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 7:00 P.M.

On this evening, new program committees (Christian Education, Fellowship, Worship, Stewardship, Evangelism, Outreach & Service, Lay Leadership, and Property) will meet to finalize programs for the new year. If you would like to serve on a committee and are not, give Dick Hamm a call this week!

ATTENTION DIACONATE

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AT CAMP AND CONFERENCE:

June 20 - 25 - Kelly Walsh, Laura Hamm, and Becky Krull
June 27 - July 2 - Jim Davis, Heath Hudlow, Jason Krull, and Steve Mullen

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE meets Thursday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. at the church. All welcome.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Helen Reynolds died last week after a long illness. Her funeral was Wednesday. We remember Ralph and the family in prayer.

Ethel King is a patient at Parkview.

Romane Cole is in Lutheran Hospital.

Inez Petty had emergency surgery in Louisville, but is doing well at last report.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

The Board has approved our voting delegation to the Regional Assembly, August 19-20, at Ball State. We are entitled to four delegates (one of whom must be a youth). Our delegates include Phyllis Fitch, Pat Mullen, Mindy Hamm, and David Hamm (youth).

There are no limits on non-voting delegates, however. If you would like to go and learn more about the church and be inspired, call Dick Hamm for information and/or registration materials.

BOARD APPROVES DISTRIBUTION OF MEMORIAL TRUST OUTREACH FUNDS

In its June meeting, the Board approved a recommendation from the Outreach & Service Committee for the distribution of Memorial Trust funds to the following:

1. $3,000.00 to the Inman Christian Center in San Antonio, Texas to build a ramp for their adult day care center.
2. $1,360.00 to the East Wayne Street Center Adult Education Program in Fort Wayne to provide a room divider to separate the GED Program from the Thrift Shop.
3. $600.00 to the Allen County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program to secure the Not-For-Profit Foundation status for fund-raising purposes.

When an undesignated memorial gift or estate gift comes to the church, one fourth of the money goes to a capital outreach fund which, by the terms of the Trust, must be distributed each June by action of the Outreach & Service Committee and the Board. This is above and beyond the outreach we do through our regular operational giving (our pledges and offerings). This is one more way First Christian reaches out and one more way your memorial or estate gift is used to serve the Realm of God!

BOARD APPROVES SEMINARY INTERN PROGRAM

Through the Vocational Scholarship Program of the Memorial Trust Fund (not through regular pledges and offerings) we will begin a Seminary Intern Program this fall. This is an intentional twelve month educational program for a seminary student. During the course of the year, the student will be exposed to the whole range of ministerial work while systematically reflecting on issues of styles and models of ministry.

The Vocational Scholarship Program of the Memorial Trust is designed for just such an educational experience for student ministers. The Trust also provides annual scholarship grants to students.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - JUNE 19, 1988

Suann Wood, 2219½ Kentucky Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stauffer, Port Charlotte, FL; Doyle & Sandy Whitton, Remington, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone who filled out a "program and staff evaluation" form. We had about 50 returns, which gave us a good representational result. We'd still welcome yours, if you were unable to get it in last week.

Hope to see you at the All-Church Picnic this Saturday!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "Hitting the Wall." Sound interesting?

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The following is from Don Wiltfong's newsletter in Edinburgh, Indiana. I thought it was good and am passing it along - without permission!

Dick

One of the areas of intense research among computer specialists is artificial intelligence, programming which reproduces the behaviors of the human brain on a computer. This has turned out to be much more complex than researchers first thought. For example, researchers tried to develop a computer program which would translate one language to another. Testing the program, workers had the computer translate, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" from English to Russian, and back to English. It came out, "The wine is agreeable but the meat is spoiled."

Translation is not a word-by-word process. The words we set in sentences only make sense as we relate them to our life, in the context of our experiences. Computers do not have life experiences, and therefore have no context for understanding sentences.

Our faith life is a life of translation. We believe in God. Not just any God, but a specific God about which specific things can be said. For example: God is described in the Christian and Jewish scriptures as a God of justice, mercy, and love. The decisive question is, how do we translate our beliefs into a life of faith? How do we translate our view of God into a way of living? Religion is not a matter of intellectual belief, catalogued doctrine by doctrine. Religion is how those beliefs take on reality in our specific life. If not taken in the context of life, religious beliefs are a meaningless garble. When the likes of justice, mercy, and love become a part of our life in ways that match what we believe about God, only then do our doctrines and beliefs have any chance of making sense.

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Karen Bushey & Jo Sickafoose

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. Sara Mullen

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

11:00 A.M. All Church Picnic at Jim & Karen Bushey's, 10218 Winchester Road

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:30 P.M. Visitor Information Meeting at Dick & Mindy Hamm's

MONDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

5:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park
7:00 P.M. New Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

6:30 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon Wheel

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

6:30 P.M. Christmas Ornament Workshop
7:30 P.M. Neighborhood Task Force

BIRTHDAYS JULY 2-8

Steve Kreischer (2)
Monette Wetzell (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Miles Zimmerman (4)
Michael Coleman (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
Mike Piatt (5)
Paul Waugh (5)
Peggy Wells (6)
John Clevenger (7)
Glenna Smith (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)
Louis Chasar (8)

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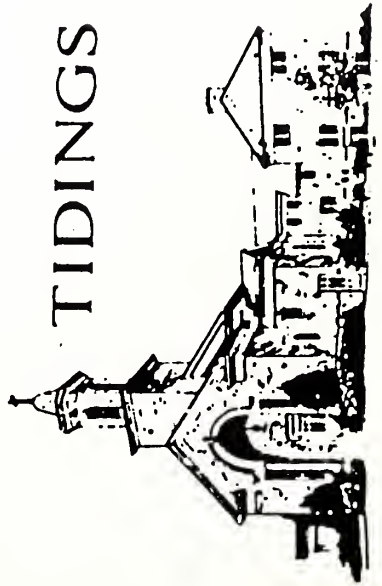

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CPR TRAINING POSTPONED AGAIN

The CPR folks had problems getting staff to teach our group on July 9 because it's "Three Rivers Festival" time. So we will reschedule this event later.

AT CAMP AND CONFERENCE

June 27 - July 2: Jim Davis, Heath Hudlow, Jason Krull, and Steve Mullen.

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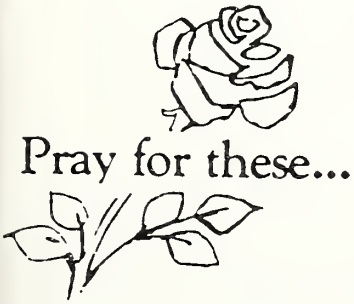

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

IN HOSPITALS: Ethel King at Parkview; Melody Lehman at St.Joe.
AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call, Ruby Kolkman. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. At Home: Ethel Allen, Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, Ardith Wrisk, and Roxy Wunderlich.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE INSTALLED SUNDAY, JUNE 26 FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Bill Franklin, Moderator, Liz Johnson, Vice-Moderator, Mike Mullen, Memorial Funds Treasurer, Sandy Zimmerman, Secretary, Merle Grimm, Treasurer. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN/CHAIRWOMEN: Ralph Church-Stewardship, Judy Mey-Worship, Kris Ohneck-Fellowship, Jim Bushey-Property, Sue Brey-Christian Education, Pat Mullen-Evangelism, Nedra Feeley-Outreach & Service, Mildred Hartman-Lay Leadership, John Kelly-Personnel, Mindy Hamm-Board of Diaconate, Judy Church-Board of Elders. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Ralph Church, Elder, Eileen Klepfer-Elder, Bill Johnson-Elder, Delores Keebortz-Elder, Kevin Tobias-Deacon, Ray Stover-Deacon, Dave Kreischer-Deacon, John Myers-Deacon, Jo Franklin-Deaconess, Kathy Graham-Deaconess, Janet Myers-Deaconess, Phyllis Tobias-Deaconess, Gini Brown-Congregation at Large, Brenda Kelly-Congregation at Large, Lois Finkhousen-Congregation at Large, Sherry Lytle-Congregation at Large, Linda Stover-C.W.F. President. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS: Dick Vanderwall, Laura York, Jerry Zimmerman, Bud Ludwig, Curt Miller, and Mildred Hutchinson.
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: OFFICERS: Linda Stover-President, Judy Mey-Vice-President, Shirley Dibble-Secretary, Dorothy Overmyer-Treasurer. COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN: Judy Mey-Membership, Kris Ohneck-Worship & Study, Dorothy Overmyer-Finance,

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PRAYER & CONCERN

Romane Cole died last week. His funeral was Sunday afternoon. Our prayers are with Harriett and the family.

Jeff Young had outpatient surgery last Friday and is home doing well.

Ethel King is at Parkview.

Carl Linn is at home and receiving outpatient treatment after tests at Parkview.

Melody Lehman is in St. Joe Hospital.

Inez Petty is home recovering from surgery done in Las Vegas (not Louisville as reported last week). She's coming along well.

THANKS!

Thanks to the Bushey's for opening their home to us for the annual picnic last Saturday! It was 106 degrees, but we had fun!

Have you noticed the new blinds at the Board Room windows? A big thanks to the Sarah Circle for their donation. The circle used profits from the First Christian pocket calendar sales for this project. (They still have some of those wonderful two year calendars left. To purchase one contact Kris Ohneck or Linda Stover).

Dear Members of First Christian,

Thank you so much for opening your church to the Fort Wayne Children's Choir for its Homecoming Concert and Dinner on June 18. Your generous hospitality allowed 150 choir parents and singers to experience a truly wonderful homecoming from its Colorado Springs' Tour.

Yours sincerely,
Sara Davis, Assistant Director
Fort Wayne Children's Choir

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JOURNEYS WITH PAUL II

Many thanks to the following persons who helped to make Vacation Bible School a meaningful experience for the children who attended. A relaxed atmosphere with a daily visit from Paul (Bill Franklin) increased the children's understanding of his work and times.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Sue Brey, Rosie Krull, Bobbi Lockhart, and Sherry Lytle.

CHURCH ELDERS: Deb Knudsen, Bobbi Lockhart, Sherry Lytle, and Judy Mey.

DEACONS: Tracy Critell, Josh Lytle, Lindsay Miller, Karen and Kathy Sanders, Alisha Stover, and Bryce Stover.

ARTISANS:

Travel Bags and Passports: Sue Brey
Bake Shop: Edna Nordblom and Evelyn Yeoman
Sorcerer: Marvin Crouse
Banner Maker: Laura York
Basketmakers: Carolyn Falbe and Marsha Busse
Song Leader: Sara Davis
Weavers: Mindy Hamm and David Hamm
Carpenter: Don Parlette
Games and Dances: Karen Bushey
Storyteller: Rolland Ripple

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'd like to say a few words about our building. It's great!

It has inspired many with its beautiful stain glass windows, and with its tower that reaches up, pointing all to heaven. It stands as a rock reminding all who pass that God is the "rock of our salvation", "a very present help in time of trouble", in whom "there is no shadow of turning."

This building has stood here only 36 years, not long in relation to story of the church. It's hard for a relative newcomer like me to imagine the vision, faith, and plain hard work it took to make this structure a reality, but I know something of the passion that is represented here.

Year after year our building carries on its witness and facilitates our life and ministry together.

Scores of children have learned the story of Jesus in our Sunday School and Bible Schools, scores of couples have stood in the sturdy chancel and taken their vows before God, hundreds have passed through the waters of baptism, thousands have walked down the long aisle to reaffirm their faith. Thousands have come for pastoral care and counseling, others have come to find food to get them over the "lean" times. Many lives have been celebrated here in funerals. Community groups of every description have met here.

And this building is young. It needs renewal in some parts inside and out, which we are gradually doing, but it is young. With its 15" thick walls, it will be here long after you and I have gone on to the "church victorious."

Give thanks for those who had the vision to build this great sentinel, this great facility of faith. As you enter the building this Sunday (or this week), give it a little "pat" and a smile! It's one of our greatest resources for ministry and outreach.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "All Men (Sic) Are Created Equal." I hope you'll be present to consider this great principle.

NEED HELP WITH HOUSEKEEPING?

Call Dick Hamm for the name of a good, trustworthy person who will do a good job for a reasonable rate.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 6-26-88

Barbara Codding, Rt. 2, Box 112, Monroeville, IN; Beverly Codding, Chicago, ILL; Paul & Margaret Champion & James, 437 Rose Lane; Charles & Isabelle Masel; Ruth & John Zakhi; Art & Kay Vonderau; Larry Wedertz; Jill Rinne; Mr. & Mrs. John Spillson; Judy & Dave Ball & Jeff & Jeremy; Ann & Jerry Young; Jim & Betty Peters; Mrs. R. F. Wieser & Mrs. Fenstermacher; Linda Robertson, 1036 Fayette Drive; George R. Pulliam, 4653 Coventry Parkway; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Walker; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Walker; John Adams, Jr., 408 W. Butler.

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Shirley Dibble-Publicity & Telephone, Edna Nordblom-House, Arabelle Kreischer-Visitation & Cheer, Gini Brown and Evelyn Yeoman-Funeral Dinner Coordinators, Sue Brey-Wedding Reception Coordinator. CIRCLE LEADERS: Dorothy Overmyer-Naomi Circle, Judy Mey-Rachel Circle, Edna Nordblom-Rebecca Circle, Kris Ohneck-Sarah Circle. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING RETIRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Zimmerman, Mildred Hutchinson, Mildred Hartman, Janet Weicker, Betty Grimm, Mindy Hamm, Genevieve Ripple, and Bobbi Lindsay. REPRESENTATIVES TO FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: Dorothy Overmyer, Linda Stover, Judy Mey, and Genevieve Ripple.

SERVING JULY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy & Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Eileen & Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, K. Graham-NW, M. Novachcoff, N. Mennewisch

10:45 A.M. D. Mey-SW, J. Mey-NW, B. Kerley-SE, S. Kerley-NE, J. Bushey, D. Miller, K. Taylor, P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, M. Westerfield

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 5

5:25 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen #4

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

7:30 P.M. Capital Campaign Meeting for new members

THURSDAY, JULY 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace Truby's & Mabel Watson's, 2445 Fairfield Ave., Apt. 301

7:15 P.M. Finance Committee

BIRTHDAYS JULY 9-15

David Griggs (9)
Dave Kreischer (9)
Janet Myers (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
Alice Nulf (10)
Esther Clipp (11)
Nancy Harter (11)
Bob Johnson (11)
Mange Thomas (11)
David Pence (12)
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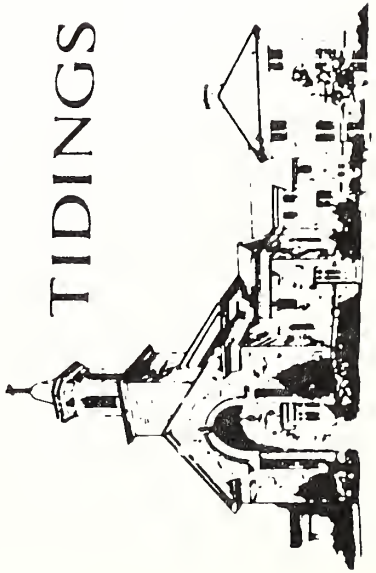

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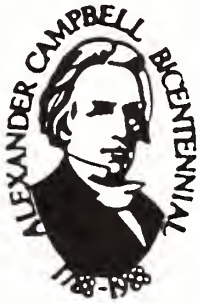

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VISIT OUR LIBRARY
Summer is the time for relaxing and catching up on your reading. Some of the new arrivals in the Adult Library include: Adventures in Prayer, Author: Catherine Marshall. (Catherine Marshall shares her personal discoveries about how surprisingly down-to-earth God wants our prayers to be). The Boy Child is Dying, Author: Judy Boppell Peace. (Central relationship of author and her housekeeper while living in South Africa for eight years. Poignant and beautiful experience). Stress and the Healthy Family, Author: Dolores Durran. (Identifies ten common stresses that healthy families face, and looks at how these families use their strengths to deal). Reach for a Rainbow, Author: Ralph Showers. (Rev. Shower's story of survival, recovery and the realization of his dream of providing a community for retarded adults). Is the Homosexual My Neighbor. Another Christian View. Author: Letha & Mollenkott V.R. Scanzoni. (Blends painstaking biblical and theological research with the best recent psychological and sociological findings). Saying Yes and Saying No on Rendering to God and Caesar. Author: Robert McAfee Brown. (Brown confronts the dilemma that exists when official government policies seem to clash with ideas about God's kingdom of peace). Living the Truth in a World of Illusions. Author: William Sloane Coffin. (Coffin faces the complexity of contemporary life and the challenges it poses. Facing this, we can discern a truth by which to live). The Critical Years. Author: Sharon Parks. (Parks helps us understand the quest for faith of those in the transition from adolescence to adulthood).

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the church.

BOARD MEETING
The new Board will have its first meeting on Tuesday, July 19 (not the second Tuesday, as would ordinarily be true), 7:30 p.m., at the church.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Gladys Beal died last week. Her funeral was Tuesday.
Andy Cook is in Parkview after emergency surgery. He is doing well.

THANKS!

Esther Whitton writes: Dear Members of First Christian Church,
Thank you for the many cards sent to me for my 80th birthday.
Sincerely,
Esther Whitton

MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT - 1988

At 2:30 p.m. on June 17, the Festival Choir left West Creighton Church, our home for storage, bells, and rehearsals, for Indianapolis (Indiana-Kentucky Conference, United Church of Christ, Indianapolis University); Crystal Lake, Illinois; Madison, Wisconsin; St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota; Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and the Chicago area. It was a mission of love and of sharing the concert program Many Gifts, One Spirit. The choir had received the mandate to share the program which was really a report on the significant and very moving experiences from last summer's tour of the East and West Divisions in Germany, from Dr. Lubimor Mirajovsky, head of the Christian Peace Conference in Prague, and from several pastors in the Fort Wayne area who had heard it last summer in Franke Park. But it was more than just that for us. It was a time of speaking and singing of Shalom, and a time, we hope, of lending impetus to other communities in their efforts toward healing and wholeness and joy.

Dr. Walter Bruggeman in his sermon at the U.C.C. Conference helped us to understand more fully the depth of our mission when he spoke of the two major needs throughout the world -- those of healing and hope. It was with that inspiration that we continued our journey. We gave 11 concerts in 10 days!---and "hit the wall" in Minneapolis on Wednesday, singing in 105 degrees heat in an unairconditioned church! The next morning our pastor-advisor told me that he had been on the chancel where our risers had been, and that "the carpet is almost dry"!

In Minneapolis we visited the All States United Church of Christ -- "All States" meaning all Indian states. It is build as a "Round House", with many windows and a small park-like yard outside, totally visible from inside. The pastor gave us a couple hours of his time, speaking of the plight of the American indian on and off the Reservation; of the ministry of the church in a neighborhood of more American Indians than anywhere else in the U.S.; about the unique building which is reverence itself for air, light, sky, earth, sun, and moon, and answering questions.

Our last concert was in the First Baptist-Congregational Church in Chicago, a church with dual denominational ties. It is a stunning 121 year old structure, and one of only 3 churches to survive the Chicago fire. It also houses the largest pipe organ in the Chicago area, an instrument now insured for one million dollars. This is the first time I have ever seen Phil Zimmerman, our organist, completely non-plussed by the massive size of an instrument. The choir was non-plussed by the massive size of the Sanctuary which seats 1,500! The concert was on the occasion of their Homecoming Celebration, and a more enthusiastic congregation we have rarely seen.

I made a thoughtless error afterward. I spoke to a visiting Fort Wayne Lutheran pastor-friend about how pleased we were to finally be invited to sing for a black congregation, and he responded, "But, Helen, there are no black congregations. We are all Christians!"

He was right, of course. How easy it is to overlook some of the aspects of "Many Gifts, One Spirit", and we have been singing it all year!

Thank you for your prayers for us, for your good wishes, and for your support. Tom and Barbara Rogers, Rose Gaskill, and I hope that we represented you worthily in reaching out to other communities.

Helen

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It would seem that things have quieted down at the church. There's fewer programs being advertised during these beautiful days of summer. But looks can be deceiving!

As a matter of fact, lots is going on. Namely, we are planning the 1988-89 program year, and there's some exciting stuff in the wind! Committees have been meeting, the office has been humming, and the process is moving right along. It's one of my favorite times of the year.....a time of reflection and a time of hope.

Here's a little "teaser" for you. On Sunday, August 28, we're planning a celebration of Alexander Campbell's 200th birthday! Campbell is one of our primary founders. We'll have an old fashioned camp meeting on the church lawn.....complete with costumes! Start thinking about what you'll wear to an 1820 vintage, outdoor service. Also, the nursery remodeling will soon be completed. We're also getting bids on the painting of building exterior, badly needed.

There's lots happening and its fun to see things "coming together".

As you go on vacation, or to the lake, or wherever, remember that the church's financial needs go on. If you can't be with us, please send your offerings by mail. As the man used to say, "keep those cards and letters comin' in!"

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday its the second in a series of sermons on religious cliche's you submitted. This one is entitled "But for the Grace of God...."

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

IN HOSPITALS: (as of Friday, July 1, due to July 4 being on Monday, when Tidings is usually typed). Ethel King, Opal Perkins, and Andy Cook at Parkview; Barb Finkhousen and Ardith Wrisk at Lutheran; Donna Byers at St. Joseph.

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call, Ruby Kolkman. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. At Home: Ethel Allen, Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, and Roxy Wunderlich.

THE RUMOR THAT REFUSED TO DIE!

I received a phone call from a friend this week asking about a petition that is circulating to fight a supposed effort by Madelyn Merray O'Hara to remove all religious broadcasting from the airwaves.

This rumor circulates every few years, and I have encountered over the last 20 years.

FACT: There is not effort to end religious broadcasting.

FACT: The F.C.C. spends millions of dollars a year responding to letters received in opposition to this mythical effort.

If you come across a petition to oppose this "effort", or are asked to write the F.C.C., please refuse and explain why to the people asking you to do so. Let's not waste any more tax dollars or time on this one!

Dick

SERVING JULY 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Kris & John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Myers-SW, Jt. Myers-NW, N. Mennewisch, M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, M. Hamm-NW, D. Miller-SE, S. Callahan-NE, R. Stover, L. Stover, D. Ross, C. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield

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MONDAY, JULY 11

12:00 NOON Fellowship Guild noon salad luncheon at Mildred Hutchinson's, 422 W. Oakdale Drive

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:30 P.M. Deacon Orientation

TUESDAY, JULY 12

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World

6:35 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton #2

FRIDAY, JULY 15-SUNDAY, JULY 17

ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT AT CHAIN O' LAKES

BIRTHDAYS JULY 16-22

Max Geiselman (16)

Barbara Clevenger (17)

Thelma Swift (17)

Erma Vanderwall (17)

George Davis (18)

Sue Oden (18)

Eula Campbell (19)

Sherry Lytle (20)

Nedra Feeley (20)

Tom Wells (21)

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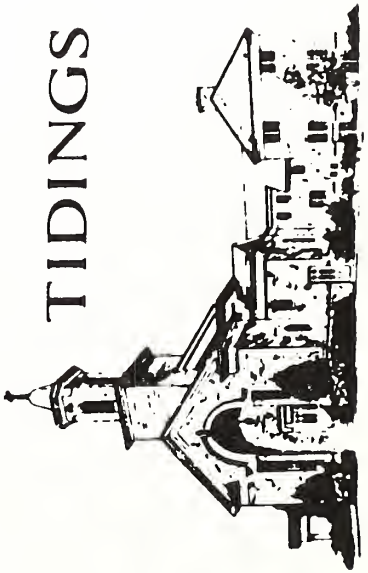

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FITCHES TO SERVE RETIRED PASTORS

The Retired Disciples Ministerial Association of Indiana elected officers recently. Joe Fitch was elected Vice President and Phyllis was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Paul Burton of Indianapolis is the new President.

PICTURES AND OTHER MEMORABILIA NEEDED

Joe Fitch has taken on a project of creating a display of historical materials for First Christian. This will be a permanent exhibit to educate members to the heritage of our congregation. If you have pictures or other items of historical interest regarding First Christian, please bring them to the church and leave them in the church office or with a staff person. Thanks!

They were Disciples

militant social reformer

Carry Nation

The wife of a minister of First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, Kansas, Carry A. Nation, took Prohibition into her own hands at the turn of the century raiding saloons throughout the Midwest with her hatchet. She is buried just south of Kansas City.

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.

OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETS Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

"The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women: the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weights their interests alongside its own without bias.."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THANK YOU

We appreciate all the cards, donations in Romane's name, flowers, visitations, and the lovely church dinner after the funeral. We will remember all your kindnesses with affection.

Harriett, Mike, Sherry, Cathy, & Marty

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ethel King, mother of Lillian Busse, grandmother of Carolyn Falbe and Larry Busse, died this week after a long illness.

Jason Feeley, son of Ken and Nedra, has entered Charter Beacon Hospital for evaluation of some pre-adoption emotional issues. He may be there several weeks.

FIRST REACHES OUT!

THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

Dear Rev. Hamm

It may seem like you only hear from us when we are requesting an investment of time, or treasure, or talent.

We really covet the gifts which have been presented through our program and today we are sending greetings and thankful expressions which we would like to have publicly expressed through your bulletin and/or newsletter for those who have supported the Associated Churches Food Bank System.

For the following:

THANKS for the pantry shelves, office space and the utilities. (@ $6.75 per square foot, $8,100.00).

THANKS for the warehouse building and those persons who helped pick-up, deliver and sort during the food promotions. (@ $3.00 per square foot, $21,000.00).

THANKS for the 13,000 plus hours of Volunteer Staff time which you donated in operating the 21 Food Banks. (@ $3.35 per hour, $44,300.00).

THANKS for the cans of food and the paper products in addition to the monetary contributions which were provided to supply 348,000 meals for 32,000 persons in the year 1987 (@ $251,000.00).

THANKS for taking seriously the commands of our Lord and Savior.

The Associated Churches
Emergency Food Bank
Steering Committee

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

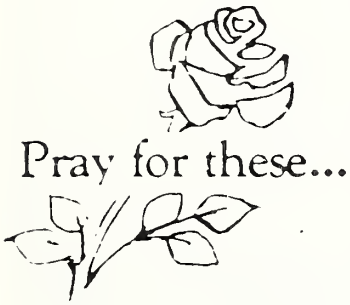
On August 28, we're going to celebrate Alexander Campbell's 200th birthday in a big way - with an old fashioned camp meeting! More details will be forthcoming soon, but for now, be thinking about what to wear. We hope many will take the trouble to dress in the style of the 1820's. I plan to appear in such garb (nevermind that I have no idea what 1820's style is like - a little research will fix that)! Dr. Ron Allen of Christian Theological Seminary will also be with us to spice up the morning! More later.

Did you know that we are among the largest 10% of Disciple congregations? I don't know that this is an important thing for us to realize, but it is interesting. As far as quality goes, I'd say we're in the top 1%! Still, we need to keep growing in every way. That means we each need to work at personal growth and we need to be inviting people to worship each Sunday. Once people get here, they think First is great, but they have to get here! Who can you invite this week?

Hope you have a great week! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick



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MURPHY'S LAW GOES TO CHURCH

Next to the law of gravity, one of the most inescapable universal truths is undoubtedly Murphy's Law: "If anything can go wrong, it will...and at the worst possible moment." When the Murphologists began looking at the church, here were some of their observations:

...The year's lowest attendance will occur when the Regional Minister makes a surprise visit.

...Members living 15 miles away will be 15 minutes early; members living two blocks away will be 15 minutes late.

...Film projectors always work before the class or meeting begins.

...Saying "Let us pray" or singing "Just As I Am" causes babies to cry.

...When you're right, nobody remembers; when you're wrong, nobody forgets.

...The shorter the agenda the longer the meeting.

...No matter how many show up for choir practice, you will need one more copy of the music.

...Church furnaces and air conditioners always seem to rest on Sundays.

--Copied

SERVING JULY 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Wes Westerfield

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 19

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, JULY 21

7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee Meeting

BIRTHDAYS JULY 23-29

Cora McKinney (23)
Mary Wilhelm (23)
Edith Roush (24)
Forrest Smith (24)
Alisha Stover (24)
Marianne Howard (25)
James Lesher (25)
Jeff Johnson (25)
Sue Kiger (26)
Woody Klepfer (26)
Mark Pontius (27)
Lee Crowell (27)
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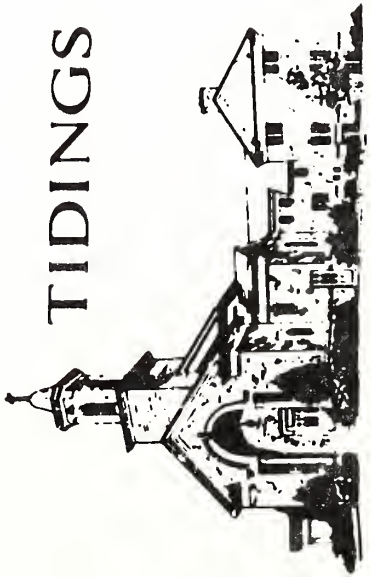

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NEW PARKING LOT BUMPERS AND SEALING

Have you noticed the parking lot has been sealed and the crumbling curb stones replaced? It looks sharp!

DISCIPLES BY DESIGN

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

There is still time to register for the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana, to be held at Ball State University, August 19-20. Check with Dick Hamm for details and registration information.

ELDERS' BREAKFAST, Saturday, July 30, 8:00 a.m.

Call Linn to volunteer!

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THANK YOU'S

Thanks to Dick, and everyone else for their prayers and support during the recent death of my mother.

Lillian Busse

Carl and Mildred Linn wish to express their thanks for the cards, prayers, and visits while Carl was in the hospital.

NEWS OF FORMER INTERN

Karla Dyer is a summer intern in Stanford, Illinois this summer. She is a student at Eureka College and worked with us in summer, '86. She sends greetings and love to all.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 7-17-88

Donna Woodward, 210 W. Tillman; Cory Church; Fred & Rychie Smell; Phil & Mary New.

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Dear Friends,

Helen and I attended "Experience", a worship and liturgical arts workshop this past week at University of Dayton. Wow, what a mountain top experience! Three worship services each day!

As I said Sunday, when you lead worship, its hard to worship, because you're thinking about "what's next." So I was getting pretty dry. But this workshop "filled my cup" again, and I am very thankful for it. We also got some new ideas to try and to share. I took the opportunity to get my preaching for the year planned out, which helps to coordinate worship services and other programs.

This Thursday evening I will drive down to Elwood with Sandy Zimmerman and Linda Stover to convene an Ordination Council for Andrea Leininger (formerly Andrea Benny). Andrea has finished her seminary work (with some scholarship help from us, and a whole lot of hard work on her part) and will be ordained here at First, Fort Wayne, on August 21, at 4:00 p.m. An Ordination Council representing three sponsoring congregations and the Region must meet with her to determine her fitness for ministry. I hope you will be able to attend the ordination. First, Fort Wayne, was an important formative force in Andrea's life and calling to ministry, and I feel honored for us that she wishes to be ordained here, even though her time in Fort Wayne was before my arrival.

I have to be in St. Louis this weekend for a meeting of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but you will have a special treat in my absence. Steve Harter will bring the message! Steve always has a good message, and I wish I could be here to hear it myself.

I got a lot of positive response to my sermon this Sunday, "God Never Gives Us More Than We Can Bear". My impression is that many of us have had experiences with messengers from God!

Have a great week! I'll see you July 31 with another in my series.

Love,

Dick

STARTING AUGUST 7 - 9:30 a.m., PARLOR - Adult Studies Class

Walter Brueggemann's book, The Bible Makes Sense, will be started.

This is a unique "How - to" book about the Bible.

More than simply introducing readers to major themes, Brueggemann reveals an engaging understanding of the world leading to joy, life, and wholeness.

This worldview is described in an insightful synthesis, and livening the Scriptures for readers.

It is suggested that insiders to Biblical faith will find energy and illumination that outsiders never guess at.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no extended session in August. Children are welcome to stay in the Nursery during worship.

SERVING JULY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Tom Walsh and Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Don Kampenga

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8:15 A.M. M. Snouffer-SW, N. Mennewisch-NW, J. Young, K. Graham

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 25

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 26

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Christian Education and Outreach & Service will not be meeting)

SATURDAY, JULY 30

8:00 A.M. Elder's Breakfast Study

BIRTHDAYS JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Bonnie Evans (30)
Carl Smith (31)
Mary Lou Hartzler (1)
Robin Hosfield (1)
Wanda Howell (1)
Lori Lewis (1)
Glenn Miller (1)
Dick Mory (1)
Margaret Snouffer (1)
Dorothy Morris (2)
Max Knudsen (3)
Kathryn Eich (4)
Gloria Phillips (4)
Betty Olson (4)

PLEASE NOTE: The Minister of Music Pastoral Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 27, 1988 at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

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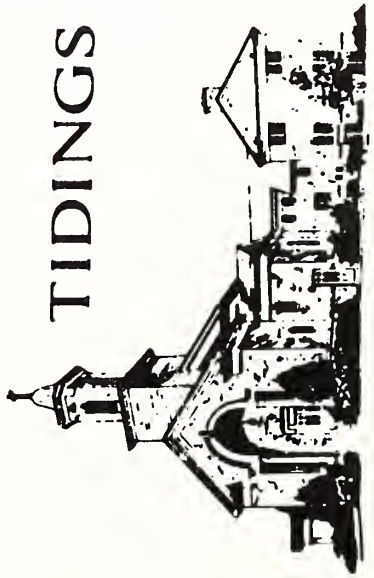

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ROBIN RUN REPRESENTATIVES AT HUNTINGTON CENTRAL

Representatives of the Disciple retirement home, Robin Run of Indianapolis, will be at Huntington Central Christian Church on Friday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this beautiful facility.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 7-24-88

Mr. Roderick B. Parker, 3510 Smith Street; Angie Childers, 4314 Anthony Wayne Drive; Mrs. Sandra J. Elser, 7211 Snowfall Court.

NAOMI GROUP will meet on Thursday, August 4, 9:30 a.m. at Kathlyn Banet's, 6420 Papago Court.

Call Linn to volunteer!

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TEENS!! - Any free time?

PRAYER & CONCERN

Earl Fusselman's brother died last week after a long illness in Huntington.

Martha Hunt's granddaughter died in California. She was 4 years old and has been fighting cancer.

Ruby Cline's sister, Dorothy Parks, died recently.

Andy Cook and Carl Linn are both home recuperating.

Jason Feeley is in Charter Beacon Hospital.

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(Signature)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am deeply grateful to the Elders and Board for granting me a sabbatical next year, May 15 - August 15. Understandably, some of you may wonder, "Why sabbatical?"

A sabbatical is not a vacation. I get vacation time each year. A sabbatical is a time to work on some special project or projects away from the day to day crush of parish work. I have a number of projects to work on. These include:

--writing a book, "The Black Hole Syndrome", which will be a statement of my personal theology. Whether it publishes or not, after 20 years of week to week preaching (some one thousand sermons!), I need to take a step back and integrate my understanding of God in the light of my experiences.

--planning for future preaching. I want to systematically review the preaching I've done here at F.C.C. and see what I've missed or overemphasized. Then, I want to plan at least three years of preaching.

--setting up an educational travel seminar for our congregation. I hope to take a group of us to the Philippines in 1990, and that will require quite a bit of advance set up.

--general resourcing of congregational programs and worship.

--finally, but not least of all, I want to reflect upon how we can grow more rapidly.

That's a pretty good plateful for 3 months! But I think it will pay big dividends to us all.

The change of pace will be good for me, too. I'll still be putting in 60-70 hours a week, but I'll be able to think about and focus on one thing at a time, something that is impossible to do ordinarily.

Part of my work will be done at my parents' home in St. Petersburg (the rent is cheap, the food is great!). Mindy and the kids will not be with me most of the time, but we will see each other frequently. I do plan to take some time for rest and relaxation.

As the workload and expectations of clergy continue to rise, we will see sabbaticals becoming increasingly common for parish ministers. There just isn't much time for systematic reflection and planning in the midst of the day to day work of ministry anymore. I love the ministry, but having been in a condition of "burn-out" once before, I have to take responsibility for my own health and the quality of my work - that's why I have requested this time.

Again, I deeply appreciate the church's leadership recognizing this need and responding as they have.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will deal with the most often heard cliché of all, "It Was God's Will." I think you'll find it interesting!

FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

Once again, and for the final time!, all singers -- young, old, male, female -- everybody -- are invited to sing for the Celebration of Friendship to close the Festival at the Foellinger Theater, Franke Park, August 7, at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will be held at Plymouth Congregational August 1,2,3,4 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The music includes sacred, popular, spirituals, and "patriotic" songs and anthems. Helen Donnell is the director. Phil Zimmerman and Eunice Wadewitz are accompanists.

If you are interested, please be sure that your singing with this all-city choir is a once a year happening! It does not mean a commitment to the concert Festival Choir which works all year, although that invitation will be made. It is out of the group at Franke Park that that choir is formed, but it certainly is not mandatory. The choice is an individual one, and many enjoy singing in so large a group in the summer and do it just for fun! It is fun, so please join us! (Dry Bones - with rachets, soup bowls and brushes --! -- and a stunning arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner).

If you don't want to sing, just come to the program! It's rather like a statement from Ft. Wayne of its concern for Shalom. We will look for you. The Ft. Wayne Children's Choir will also be there. They are terrific!

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10:45 A.M. Liz & Wayne Johnson

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NEXT SUNDAY: 6:30 P.M. at Franke Park - Festival of Peace & Understanding

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David Orr (6)
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Elizabeth Moody (8)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Linda Wiley (9)
Joe Manachanh (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)
John Ohneck (11)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)

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Other activities of the Festival include a movie on Thursday night at the park, Amazing Grace and Chuck, a family concert Friday night by concert singer Darrell Adams and on Saturday in place of the Hiroshima Remembrance, a Remembrance of the Sacrifices of All Wars on the St. Joe river near IPFW. The theme for the week is the Power of Peace. There have been and will be during the week dialogue between veterans' organizations and pastors and community so that a better understanding might be facilitated.

On the bulletin boards are brochures which have times, dates, places, or if you have questions, call Helen or Dick.

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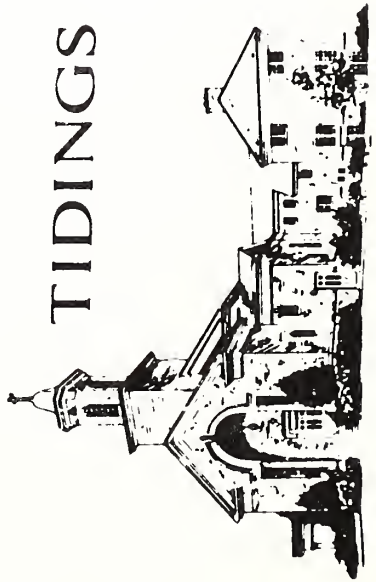

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION TO SET THE STAGE FOR THE 28TH

Alexander Campbell known as the "Sage of Bethany" was an early leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Raised as a Presbyterian, Campbell never set out to create a new church. However, he disliked sectarianism - every church denomination teaching that it alone was right; hierarchies - the placing of clergy above the people of the congregation; creeds - statements of belief required for acceptance.

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Sincerely,
Ruby Kolkman

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I suffered a very personal loss a couple of weeks ago. One of my best friends in ministry died suddenly at age 51. Jack had had heart trouble for several years, and had suffered a massive attack back in '83.

The week after his death, the church office ran the following pastor's column, which he had written a couple of years earlier. It follows.

REFLECTIONS -- "I do not know how to do this. I do not know how to say goodbye." So writes a friend of mine to his congregation, announcing his decision to conclude his ministry with that church. The pathos of his confession of feelings reveals the struggle that preceded the decision. And he reminds us all of how really difficult it is to bid farewell to any relationship of value to us. "I do not know how to say goodbye" could well be the descriptive plight of our humanity.

How do you leave the simplicity of childhood behind? How do you tell your parents goodbye? And all the others whom we've loved and who have loved us through the years -- do we ever let them go? If you are like me, there is still a place in your heart where you meet with all those special people. Sometimes, unexpectedly, we say hello to those we thought were gone forever.

My friend, quoted above, gives substance to his memory: "Your faithful Christian witness and your embrace of human brokenness have enriched my spiritual life and the life of my family. You supported me during four deaths that took away two whole generations of my folks. You have tolerated my arrogance and forgiven me when I have been stubborn or hurtful. You have encouraged me to dream and enabled me in making dreams realities. You have let me become a part of your story."

Occasionally, in attempting to say goodbye, we stumble upon the reason why we never really have to say it. There are values in our being together which are eternal. Thanks be to God it is so.

Jesse Jackson said, "we all stand on the shoulders of others". Jack McInnis was one of those upon whose shoulders I have been standing. He contributed more to my ministry and understanding than he ever knew. He lived every moment until he died. I thank God for him.

Thank's Jack! I'll see you one day again.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Mindy and the kids and I are on vacation in the west this week. I'll be back in the pulpit on Sunday, August 21. See you then! Joe Fitch will bring the message this Sunday!

FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

By the time you receive this, we will be well into the 4th annual Festival of Peace and Understanding sponsored by Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. We hope you have already or will be able to enjoy part of the activity.

On Friday night Darrell Adams, a concert singing of peace oriented music, will be in performance at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8:00 p.m. This is music the whole family will enjoy.

On Saturday evening at dusk, there will be a remembrance of the sacrifices of all wars on the St. Joseph's River near IPFW. In earlier years this has been a Hiroshima Remembrance, but in dialogue with veterans' organizations, the Peace Education Committee has changed it to a memorial of the victims of all wars.

And then on Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Foellinger Theater, Franke Park, there will be a Celebration of Friendship with 65 children from the Ft. Wayne Fine Arts Camp, and 100 adults (we hope) singing separately and together. Directors are Jocelyn Basse with the young people, and Helen Donnell with the adults. A number of First Christian folk will be taking part and there will, of course, be audience participation. Come and enjoy!

SERVING AUGUST 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepfer and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Snouffer-SW, K. Graham-NW, J. Myers, Jt. Myers

10:45 A.M. M. Piatt-SW, D. Miller-NW, M. Mullen-SE, J. Franklin-NE, K. Taylor, S. Callahan, L. Brey, J. McGrew

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, T. Knuckles

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - M. Piatt

C. Miller -

L. Johnson - K. Feeley

W. Johnson - M. Knudsen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Bushey

ACOLYTES

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

John & Brenda Kelly

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

Children are welcome in the nursery during the 10:45 a.m. worship service since there will be no Extended Session in the month of August.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. August Adventures - Adventures with Video C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

10:45 A.M. Second Service

6:30 P.M. Festival of Peace and Understanding at Franke Park

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

6:00 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 13-19

Harriet Weaver (14)

Rebecca Bowman (15)

Bruce Grimm (16)

Lois Finkhousen (18)

Kirk Spencer (19)

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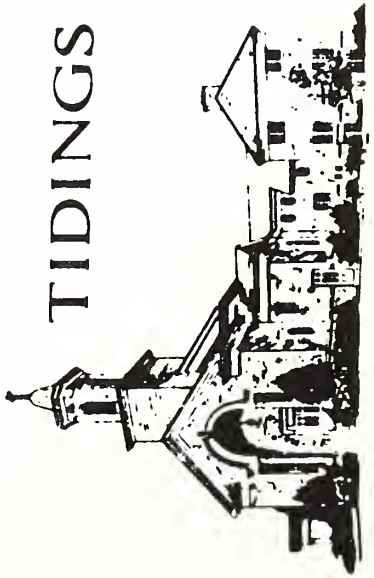

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PICTORIAL HISTORY PROGRESS

A few persons have responded with photographs of various kinds for which we are grateful. However, we lack pictures of the years 1956-1970. These years were the pastorates of George E. Wascovich and Franklin R. McGuire. Any clear photos of those times are needed and should be brought to the church office.

Also, any pictures of some of the pastors prior to the turn of the century -- John Aylesworth, William Gleason, Gilbert Ireland, Thomas Mason, George P. Slade, and M.L. Blaney.

We will need assistance in the near future of current members who can identify persons who were leaders of the church who are in some pictures of the past generation. Your cooperation in these tasks is needed because this collecting, collating, and identifying persons, dates and activities is a slow piece of detective work.

Thank you,
Joseph B. Fitch

CAMPBELL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMING AUGUST 28TH

After worship birthday party with submarine sandwiches, birthday cake, and lemonade. A donation will be requested to defray the cost of the subs. Y'all come!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION TO SET THE STAGE FOR THE 28TH

Campbell believed that the Bible is essential for Christian life and thought and that all people are free to accept and interpret the Bible for themselves. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was central, to be celebrated each Sunday and baptism by immersion of adult believers, as directed by the New Testament, was the basis for the union of Campbell's and Barton Stone's groups.

NEW ADULT STUDIES CLASS meets in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. The study will center on the book "The Bible Makes Sense" by Walter Bruggemann.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

All kids are invited to a workshop on Wednesday, August 17, 1988 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. We'll be making miniature birdhouses and Christmas pins with our host, Lois Finkhousen. A fee of 25¢ will be charged. To sign up, call Sherry Lytle at 745-5233.

ABOUT THE FLOWERS

If you have given flowers for the worship service and are unable or do not choose to take them after the service, please notify the church office, and Helen will be happy to deliver them to one of our shut-ins or someone in the hospital. It's sad to see them fade in the refrigerator and not be enjoyed. Help us spread a little joy if you have no other special plans for them. Thank you.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Bernice Fee die last week in St. Joseph Hospital.

Jane Harts went home after being in St. Joseph Hospital with bronchial pneumonia.

Helen Sheerin has been released from St. Joseph Hospital and is recuperating at Regency Park Nursing Home.

Jason Feeley is in Charter Beacon Hospital.

SYMPATHY

Kasey Harter, daughter of Steve and Tana Harter, granddaughter of Betty Harter, sister of Chris, died last weekend. We surround the family with our love and prayers.

JOIN
August Adventures
9:30 - noon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
Adventures at the Botanical Conservatory. Reservations requested.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
Adventures with Music

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
Adventures with subs (not ship subs but sandwich subs). Come help make subs for festive Birthda party for Mr. Campbell after the Old Tyme Camp Meeting on the lawn.

We must have a permission slip for children going to the Conservatory. Please meet in Fellowship Hall.

_____ has my permission to participate in the August Adventures on August 7, 14, 21, & 28.

_____
(Signature)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There is an old saying, "You are what you read." Perhaps this should be updated to, "You are what you watch," for television has become the primary source of input about the world for most Americans.

Do you think critically (carefully) about what you watch on T.V.? The last figures I saw indicated that in the average home, the television is on 47 hours a week (more than the average work week!). What are we seeing, and what is it doing to us?

One example of T.V.'s power is that it has convinced people that neighborhoods are unsafe, and so older people, especially, live in a prison of fear, when police statistics often indicate that those "unsafe" neighborhoods and really about as secure as the "safer" neighborhoods in the suburbs.

On the more positive side, T.V. binds us together as a nation in the great moments of history (who can forget the images of J.F.K.'s death, the first step on the moon, and the evacuation from the roof of the embassy in Saigon at the end of the war?).

The power of T.V. can be sinister, as in the ability of "60 Minutes" to "assassinate" an individual or organization using techniques so subtle that we are unaware of them. The power of T.V. can be wonderful, as in the personal and uplifting power of "Mister Rogers Neighborhood."

The questions is, what are we watching and are we paying attention to it, thinking about it, and sorting out the wheat from the chaff?

Are we watching too much television? Should we be reading more books and magazines to give us a balanced perspective? What are we reading?

Besides the Bible and besides books (the last 2 books I read are Winston Churchill's "The Gathering Storm," and "Atomic Diplomacy"). I read a number of magazines (not cover to cover, but selectively) to balance other inputs. These include: The Christian Century (liberal), Christianity Today (conservative), Newsweek, The Christian Science Monitor, New York Times, The New Republic (liberal), the National Review (conservative). I also read a number of newsletters: Bread For The World, Impact Between the Lines, etc. Of course, I also read The Journal Gazette and News Sentinel.

I try to achieve balance in my reading, that is, balance of liberal and conservative viewpoints. I commend this plan to you as well.

What are you watching? What are you reading? These are important questions to consider as Christians seeking to make a difference.

See you August 21. As you read this, I am probably standing atop a mountain in Glacier Park contemplating the wonder of God's creation. I hope you have a "mountaintop day", too!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday, Helen Donnell will bring the sermon.

CHILD CARE NEEDED

Loving child care needed for Evan Kerr, 2½ month old son, 1 or 2 days a week. Prefer our home, Aboite area, but will consider yours. Starting September 6. Call Bev Kerr at 436-2334.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Helen Sheerin, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Lawton Park: Opal Perkins. At Home: Ethel Allen, Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Thelma Swift, Ardith Wrisk, and Roxy Wunderlich.

SERVING AUGUST 14

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. John & Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Kreischer, K. Graham-NW, J. Young, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, E. Yeoman-NW, M. Knudsen-SE, D. Knudsen-NE, D. Mey, J. Mey, R. Stover, L. Stover

USHERS

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory

10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. August Adventures - Adventures at the Botanical Conservatory

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:00 P.M. Bazaar Workshop for kids

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 & 20

Regional Assembly at Ball State

BIRTHDAYS August 20-26

Nancy Kolkman (20)

Joshua Lytle (20)

Judy Ford (22)

Michael Johnson (23)

Marie Redman (24)

Diane Morris (24)

John Olson (25)

Mary Higgins (26)

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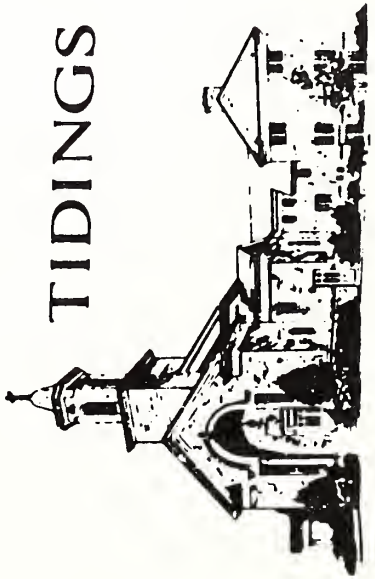

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CAMPBELL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMING AUGUST 28TH, ONE SERVICE, 10:30 A.M. ON THE LAWN

The congregation, friends and neighbors are invited to this very special service of worship, which will not be exactly as it might have happened in 1830, but will be patterned as it might have happened at that time. There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.

Costumes are optional but it will be fun to dress like that of the 1800's. Women wore long, full skirts with blouses with long puffy sleeves. Long dresses were of satin lace, muslin, or gauze. Bonnets and aprons completed the outfit. Men wore tight, fitted jackets and trousers, top hats and dress boots. Some wore dark drab trousers with long sleeved shirts and dark broad brimmed hats. (See bulletin board for ideas).

An added excitement to this celebration will be carriage rides. Horse Around Town will be present at 10:15 a.m. After the close of the service until 1:00 p.m., carriage rides around Foster Park for 4 to 6 people per carriage will be available for $2.00 per person. Many thanks to Horse Around Town.

Ron Allen, Professor of New Testament at Christian Theological Seminary will speak, and Dick's sermon topic will be the Five Finger Exercise.

Lenelle Ross will accompany the hymns and songs on her violin which might have been sung at the time. Communion will be served under the Portico on the south side of the church. Bill Franklin will serve as "President" of the congregation, as was the custom.

An after worship birthday party with submarine sandwiches, birthday cake and lemonade will be served on the lawn. A donation will be requested to help defray the cost of the subs.

Camp meetings in the late 18th and early 19th century were not only religious happenings but gathering places for those isolated and lonely on the frontier. They also offered a place for some of the seeds for early Christian unity to germinate as denominations cooperated in the preaching and singing. Barton Stone said of the Cane Ridge Kentucky Camp meeting, "We all engaged in singing the same songs of praise - all united in prayer - all preached the same things - free salvation urged upon all by faith and repentance."

ELDERS' RETREAT

All Elders, remember our Retreat with Dr. Ron Allen at the Botanical Conservatory, Sunday, August 28, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

AREA I BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 29, 6:30 p.m., at Saturn Christian Church. Call the church office (744-3239) to RSVP.

DIACONATE PICNIC AT HAMM'S - Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.

SECRET PLACE IS AVAILABLE for the new issue for September, October, and November. Pick your copy up this Sunday.

JOYS & CONCERNS

We rejoice in the marriage of Julie Pater and Thomas Guitard which took place at Lakeside Park on August 8. We send them our congratulations and love.

Our sympathy and love surround Tana, Steve, Chris, and Betty Harter during this time of their deep grief. Kasey Harter, age 16, died suddenly on August 6 from an onslaught of an infection of the brain. Services were held in our sanctuary on August 11.

CHILD CARE NEEDED

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BAZAAR WORKSHOP

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NEW ADULT STUDIES CLASS meets in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. The study will center on the book "The Bible Makes Sense" by Walter Bruggemann.

SENIOR HIGH will not meet again until September 11.

LEININGER ORDINATION

This Sunday, August 21, 4:00 p.m., Andrea Leininger will be ordained to the Christian ministry here at First Christian. The congregation is cordially invited to witness this joyous occasion.

Cookie donations are needed for the orientation reception. If you can help, contact Linda Stover or the church office.

NURSERY RENOVATION

We need restorers to sand and paint furniture for the Nursery. Included are several cabinets, and 2 rocking chairs. Please call Deb Knudsen (432-8708) to volunteer.

FOR RENT

Choice 2' x 2' lots in the choir loft. Individual seats. Immediate possession possible. Friendly neighbors. Available for adults on Sunday mornings. Good-natured and lovable landlord. Apply in person at choir rehearsal, 7:00 Thursday nights, beginning September 1.

PICTURES! CHOIR PICTURES!

We have 8" x 10" pictures of the Chancel Choir and the Carillon Choir made last spring. If you would like one, leave $5.75 in the church office with your name, or call Helen for reservation! If we run out, we'll order more!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Adventures with Music

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Adventures with subs (not ship subs but sandwich subs). Come help make subs for festive Birthday party for Mr. Campbell after the Old Tyme Camp Meeting on the lawn.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we will be back in Indiana. As soon as Regional Assembly is over, we'll be back in Fort Wayne. It will be good to be back home - one of the best features of being on vacation is the joy you feel at being home again.

Hard to believe, but summer is about done! Time to turn our time and energy toward the fall program. My, summer always flies! It's been a good summer for the church though. Lots of good planning and important decisions.

Important things have been happening in our denomination, as well. We Disciples have begun to implement a new priority for the whole Church. That priority, established at General Assembly last fall, reads:

"To develop vital congregations as dynamic faith communities in prophetic, redemptive, and reconciling ministries to the whole world." This is our priority through the year 2000. It emphasizes vital congregations, which I think is essential. The vitality of the whole Church depends so much on the vitality of local congregations.

We are among the more vital of Disciple congregations in the land, but we have much to do in the next 12 years. We have set goals for ourselves including growth from our present 500 active members to 750 active members. We have also declared our desire to become more mission oriented in our community. These are truly exciting priorities! But they will not be accomplished by staff or lay leadership alone. We all need to have the congregation in our prayers and to be personally responsible and involved in the achievement of these.

Hope you have a great week!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday is entitled "The Road To Hell." That should get a little attention!

Saturday
September 17, 1988

Christian Theological Seminary
Indianapolis

INFORMATION

ENROLL EARLY! There are only 300 places for participants in the 1988 C.L.E.A.R. Day event. Don't miss the chance to have your congregation represented in one of the workshops. Enrollment deadline is September 2, 1988.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, September 17, at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Coffee and rolls will be available at that time. The event will conclude by 4:00 p.m.

Enrollment fee is $15.00 and includes registration and lunch. Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria. ($17.00 after August 29).

C.L.E.A.R. Day participants can select one of twenty workshops. Space for designation of your top three workshops choices is provided on the "Enrollment Form."

See Linn Bartling for workshop titles -- or call the church office for registration form. Scholarships are available.

SERVING AUGUST 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Curt Miller

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, N. Mennewisch-NW, K. Tobias, M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C. Hatten-SW, P. Tobias-NW, D. Oden-SE, S. Zimmerman-NE, D. Kreischer, S. Callahan, K. Feeley, J. McGrew

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, A. Thomas

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, M. Westerfield, A. Pittenger

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W. Westerfield - J. Myers
M. Crouse - C. Falbe
S. Hayes - S. Zimmerman

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COFFEE HOUR HOST

Helen Lobdell

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Sue Oden

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. August Adventures - Adventures with Music
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

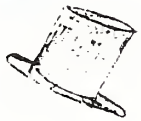
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Outreach & Service and Lay Leadership will not meet)

BIRTHDAYS August 27-September 2

Deborha Clifton (27)
Mary Cook (28)
Nancy Smith (28)
Oakley Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Barb Hayes (31)
Gene Shirley (31)
Mildred Jewell (1)
Ruby Johns (1)
Mildred Sarrazin (1)
Raymond Sarrazin (2)
Grace Truby (2)
Evelyn Yeoman (2)



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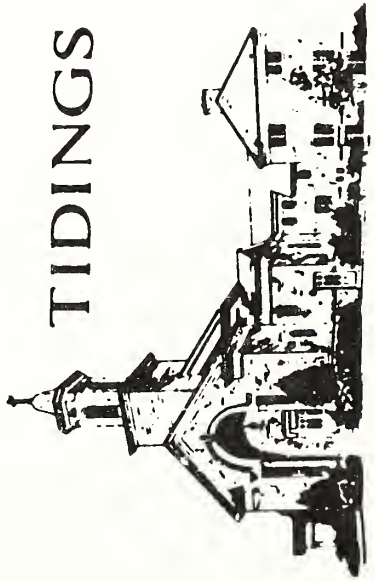

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Alexander Campbell
Bicentennial Celebration
SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 10:30 A.M.
On the lawn

It won't be exact, but it will be fun! Camp meetings in the 19th century were not only gatherings for singing, hearing the word, receiving the spirit. They were also social. People gathered once a year after the summer harvest, before the fall planting, to see their neighbors and friends from all over the countryside. The services of witness and word were also, in those days, rather like a vacation. Whole families came together with their relatives for several days of these meetings. On the frontier and in the south, they were the highlight of the year.

In honor of one of the founders of the Christian Church we will be re-living in a small way the worship of our ancestors. Perhaps in so doing we may see a little more clearly our precious heritage.

The service will be shorter than a 5 day camp meeting! How about 1 hour, 10 minutes?

Lenelle Ross will accompany the hymns on her violin. It is not likely that even a violin would be available on the frontier.

Horse Around Town will provide 2 carriages, so you can leave your own horse at home. Rides will be available after the service until 1:00 p.m. for 20 minute rides around Foster Park at $2.00 a person, 4 to 6 in a carriage.

Communion probably was not served in the old days in the camp meetings, but we will serve it anyway.

The preacher will not expound his theology for three hours. Only perhaps 20 minutes.

Since we are much more aware of possible illness caused by contaminated foods served in the hot sun, than they were, we will have a subway sandwich lunch, with lemonade and birthday cake on the lawn (for a small donation) rather than a spread brought from home. (We understand that food was a main attraction of the camp meetings. The ladies vied with each other, preparing their specialties to share).

Period dress may be worn or not as you choose. Pictures are on the bulletin board, or you may research your own. Our guess is that on the campground, spruced up work clothes were worn most, although perhaps some of the "landed gentry" were also present with the tails and top hats, and velvets and satins. Boots were a part of men's garb; as aprons and bonnets were for the women.

There will be singing, praying, preaching, communion --- all presided over by the "president" of the congregation, William E. Franklin.

Do come, and surprise all our neighbors with enthusiastic and joyful worship, August 28, one, service, 10:30 a.m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - SEPTEMBER 11 - 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Ice cream, sandwiches, and cool drinks. Entertainment for all ages. Come with the family and bring a friend. Any questions, contact Kris Ohneck at 428-6212 (work) or 447-2833 (home).

THANK YOU

Kenneth & Martha Hunt wishes to thank all who sent cards and prayers during the time of the loss of our granddaughter.

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AREA I BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 29, 6:30 p.m., at Saturn Christian Church. Call the church office (744-3239) to RSVP.

DIACONATE PICNIC AT HAMM'S - Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Adventures with subs (not ship subs but sandwich subs). Come help make subs for festive Birthday party for Mr. Campbell after the Old Tyme Camp Meeting on the lawn.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Vacation was everything I had hoped it would be! I feel renewed and ready to roll (although I'll admit I'm not quite able to get back into arising at 6:00 a.m. cheerfully, yet). We saw so much (Rushmore, Devil's Tower, Wind Cave, the Badlands, Yellowstone, Glacier.....) and had such a good time together. It was great!

Now, its time to look toward the fall program, and an exciting time it will be! This is going to be a great year.

Andrea Leininger's ordination Sunday afternoon was beautiful. The "laying on of hands" is a very moving event. Some 200 were present to witness it. Thank you CWF, for a lovely reception.

The Regional Assembly was a fine event (Friday and Saturday at Ball State). I wish more of us could have been there to hear the challenges and enjoy the fellowship. The Christian Church in Indiana is now 220 congregations and 58,000 members! Together we have a strong witness in this state.

I'm looking forward to this Sunday! It's an experiment, and it will be fun, I think. Remember, there's no 8:15 a.m. service, and the one service begins at 10:30 a.m., after 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Come in 1830's costume if you can, but come any way you can!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will help us understand something of our Disciple Heritage.

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D.M.A. AND OTHERS!

Bud Ludwig will be presenting a lecture on "Bonsai" at the Botanical Conservatory on September 15, 1:00 p.m. The cost is $2.00. R.S.V.P. by calling 422-3696. All are welcome!

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Alexander Campbell Celebration

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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WANTED

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-- WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN --

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REWARD

(GIVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE)

Chancel Choir
Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 - ONE SERVICE ONLY

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:30 A.M. Worship Service - Alexander Campbell Celebration (Subs, lemonade, and cake will be served after the service)

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6:30 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at Saturn

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 P.M. Diaconate Get-Acquainted Picnic at Hamm's

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred Hogg's, 1206 Three Rivers, East

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Begins

BIRTHDAYS September 3-9

Pauline Snyder (3)
Diane Mory (4)
Mark Rayl (4)
George Skelton (4)
Debbie Knudsen (5)
Gary York (6)
Teresa Hatten (7)
Jason Krull (7)
Marilyn Rayl (8)
Doretha Baker (8)
Kris Ohneck (9)

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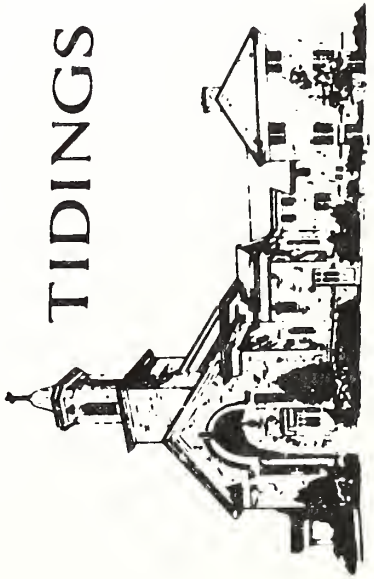

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CHECK OUT the Nursery Suite. Ceilings and walls have a new fresh look. Bouquets to the crew chief Deb Knudsen and painters, Max Knudsen, Dan & Lenelle Ross, Jo & Bill Franklin, Laura York, Sue Brey, Sherry Lytle, and Abby Graham. Alisha Stover took care of the children. The ceiling work is being done by Ray Stover, Jim Bushey, Max Knudsen, Mike Mullen, John Ohneck and John Perry.

THERE WILL BE NO Sunday School for children this Sunday, September 4. The Nursery will be opened from 9:00 a.m. - noon. There will be Extended Session.

NEEDED: Food Bank Volunteers for 1 or 2 times a month on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Call the church office if you can help out. WE NEED YOU DESPERATELY!!!!!

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CHILD CARE NEEDED

Loving child care needed for Evan Kerr, 2½ month old son, 1 or 2 days a week. Prefer our home, Aboite area, but will consider yours. Starting September 6. Call Bev Kerr at 436-2334.

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GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

While Jane Williams prepared supper there was a knock on the door. Behind the door was a shy and timid twelfth grade girl who had come to ask if Jane could help pay her school fees. Her mother was ill and her father recently lost his job. The girl was one of the best typist in the school. Jane asked herself "what do you do?" The answer, "you help!"

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a glorious day Sunday was! Nearly 300 of us joined to celebrate our heritage and Alexander Campbell's 200th birthday anniversary. Many came in period costume. It was delightful. Thanks to so many volunteers, and the staff, for putting it all together.

Well, so long to August! Can it be that school is starting again? What happened to summer? It was great, really, but it was quick! I don't feel too badly about it though, because I am so filled with hope for this new year. We have a great program lined up.

Nineteen of our elders had an excellent retreat experience with Dr. Ron Allen Sunday afternoon and evening. Strong elders are a key to a strong congregation!

Have you seen our visitors in worship? There have been many. I hope you are making yourself known and making them feel welcome.

Who have you invited to worship lately? This is our job as members of a church that wants to grow; to invite that new neighbor down the street, that new co-worker, that friend or family member without a church home. Who will you invite this Sunday?

See you in worship this week!

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday's sermon is a continuation of my series on clichés: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALEXANDER CAMPBELL!

.....or at least we hope you had a happy 200th. We really enjoyed the party!

Many thanks to all those who helped put together such a happy day --

John and Julie Perry, and Laura York who did the "set decoration;" Lois Finkhousen for the Communion Bread; Sue Brey for the flowers in memory of her mother, and Sue Oden who arranged them with the wonderful sunflowers.

All those who had a part in the service: Judy Church, Curt Miller, Tom Walsh, Don Kampenga, Wes Westerfield, the Diaconate and ushers -- and our inimitable president, William E. Franklin, and superb violinist, Lenelle Ross!

All those who helped with lunch either in preparation or serving: Kris Ohneck, Sue Kerley, Sue & Larry Brey, Mildred Hutchinson, Bobbi Lindsay, Deb & Max Knudsen, Jean McGrew, Marlo Quick, Marge Thomas --- and all the children. Most especially do we thank Elinor Place for the delicious birthday cakes.

It was a special pleasure to have Horse Around Town present. Thank you, Rose!

And we had a number of folks who, because of the overflow crowd, became beasts of burden carrying out extra chairs. We are grateful for help with that kind of wonderful problem.

Thank you to the picture takers - if you would like to share yours with the congregation, please call Helen. We can make a display of them in Fellowship Hall, and have a sign-up sheet for reprints for those who might like to have photographs for their memory books. Mike Mullen was our official photographer, but others may have delightful ones, too.

And finally, thank you all for coming, for joining the fun, for the smiles, and laughter, and friendship -- and for our worship together as it might have been done 200 years ago. It was an exciting celebration!

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10:45 A.M. Wayne & Liz Johnson

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USHERS

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10:45 A.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 A.M. Elders' Breakfast & Meeting

9:00 A.M. Teacher Training

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 10-16

Janice Ashton (10)
Mango Parlette (12)
Rita Alexander (12)
Barb Finkhousen (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Deann Halbrook (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Edith Varner (13)
Beulah Timmons (13)
Marvel Brickley (15)
Tracey Kiessling (15)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Almeda Rice (15)
Mindy Hamm (16)
Bruce Lehman (16)

JOB OPENINGS

Physical Qualifications: You must be able to carry a light musical note partway across the sanctuary, and be able to see the choir director 5 to 10 feet away.

Experience: No applicants need apply who have never sung, whistled, hummed at some time in their lives -- in the shower, house, outdoors.

Wages: Joy in friendships and fulfillment in service.

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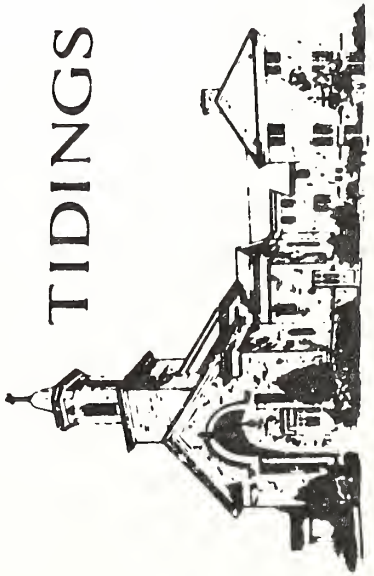

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ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND OTHER ADULTS!

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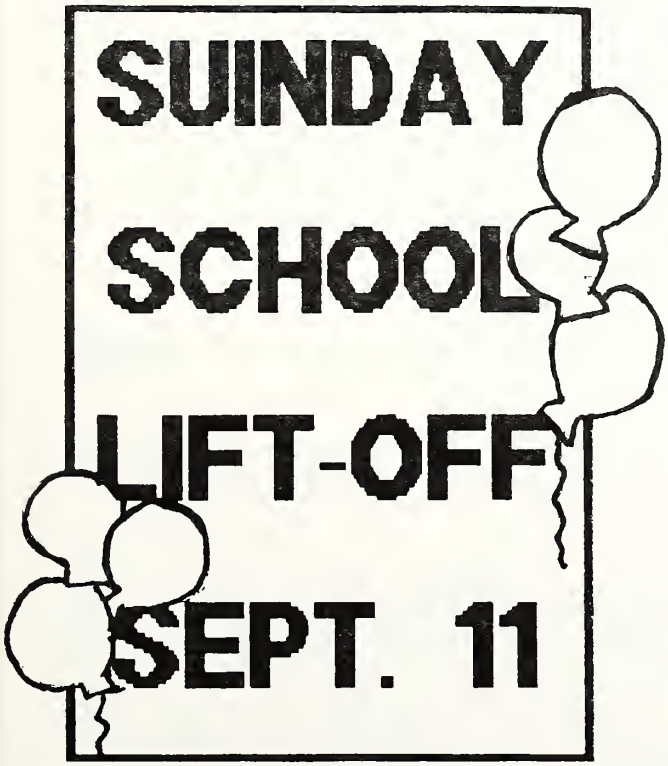

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
YOUTH AND ADULT FORUM -
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"There is no higher calling for Christians than to work for the abolition of hunger and poverty. Bread for the World attacks the problem of world hunger at political and economic levels where it only can be solved."

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 P.M.

AEROBICS FOR THE MIND

Christian Literature Week, September 18-24, 1988, +1.

Two Sundays for browsing and shopping for books in our own Fellowship Hall. Give your mind some exercise, some new ideas, maybe a jolt or two. Get into reading, its a great exercise. Aerobics of top quality!

AREA I ASSEMBLY

On Sunday evening, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Area I Christian Churches will hold their annual Assembly. It will be an exciting opportunity, for Chuck (Associate Regional Minister) and Burnell Babcock will be showing slides from their recent sabbatical in Central and South America. From an area full of turmoil and clouded in our imaginations with conflicting reports, it will be unusual and helpful to have a first-hand report from two of our own who were there long enough to bring home realistic impressions and evaluations. We hope attendance from the Disciples will be strong for this meeting.

There will be a short worship service at 7:00 p.m., the slide presentation with a question and answer period 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., followed by Latin American refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Child care will be available on request (744-3239), and we would appreciate an approximate head-count by 1:00 p.m. on the 18th, the day of the Assembly, for the "party" afterward.

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NURSERY CEILING CREW UPDATE

Add Larry Brey and Don Oden to the list of those who helped with this project! Thanks!

THE NURSERY SUITE RENOVATION CONTINUES with Rolland Ripple, Bette Haines, Carolyn Falbe, and Gini Brown painting and Opal Carper caring for the children. The results are great. Many thanks!

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sam Smith is doing a benefit concert with Adrain Mann (bass) and Barb Resch (organ) at Immanuel Christian School, September 9, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are free and a free will offering will be taken. Call 745-1414 for tickets.

BAZAAR NOTES

We do not need any more milk cartons. Thank you for your response. They were put to good use. We still need cans with plastic lids.

THE C.W.F. asks you to mark your calendar for this date: October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Bazaar.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"Labor Day" is so aptly named! Most of us end up "laboring" around the house all weekend! At least that's what usually happens to me. We're trying to get a couple of rooms painted and papered and generally brought up to "snuff." It's fun really, if you don't "fight it."

Well, the kids are all back in school. Once again, those dedicated professionals called "school teachers" meet a new batch of kids and get on with the essential process of educating our children. What more important task could there be?

Our own Sunday School is "firing up" again to share the "rest of the story".....the love of God in Jesus Christ. I hope your child is in Sunday School September 11. If not, where is he or she going to learn the old old story? Nowhere.

For that matter, our adult Sunday School has some excellent offerings this fall, including Bible studies, contemporary studies, membership studies.....you can call Linn or me for details. We'd be happy to help you find a class that's right for you.

Who are you inviting to worship this week?

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon will be "A Good Name" based on Proverbs 22:1.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: (as of Friday, September 2)

Kim Gross at St. Joseph Medical Center

Dwayne Klingshirn at Parkview

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Helen Sheerin, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Lawton: Opal Perkins. At Home: Ethel Allen, Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Thelma Swift, Ardith Wrisk, and Roxy Wunderlich.

CONCERNS

Jackie Keller fell and broke her arm, but is recovering.

ON SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Professionals are essential. But the measure of their effectiveness is determined by the laity who accept what they do between Sundays as God's vocation for them, to be done to the glory of God and their witness to Christ. When the New Testament model is operative, the usual situation is reversed. Instead of many laity supporting one professional, one professional equips tens or hundreds or thousands for mission, and they support themselves in their ministry.

In 1977, Robert S. McNamara, then president of the World Bank, addressed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the problem of population. In discussing solutions, he made a statement that remarkably confirms the efficacy of the lay ministry strategy in the New Testament: "...the mass media, while influential with people who are already in general agreement, or at least neutral, can rarely--through direct messages--persuade people to reverse deep-seated convictions, or long standing behavior...no form of media information is as effective as person-to-person communication. Messages can be sent electronically thousands of miles, but it is ultimately people talking to one another in a classroom, on the street, at the village market, or in the village home where the essential questions are discussed, and the essential answers are explored."

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10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, T. Knuckles

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Dick & Diane Mory

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Dan Flickinger (17)
Debbie White (17)
Virginia Johnson (19)
Mary Novachcoff (19)
Rosalie Hall (20)
John Hine (20)
Klark Kerley (20)
Tom Burkett (20)
Ruth Norton (21)
Ellen Crowder (21)
Bert Leversee (22)
Michele Coleman (22)
Weston Hudlow (22)

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:00 A.M. Elders' Breakfast & Meeting
9:00 A.M. Teacher Training

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8:00 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades K-5th
7:15 P.M. Area I Disciple Awareness Committee Meeting at Auburn

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
1:00 P.M. Lecture on "Bonsai" at the Botanical Conservatory by Bud Ludwig
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Barbee Men's Retreat

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9:00 A.M. C.L.E.A.R. Day at Christian Theological Seminary

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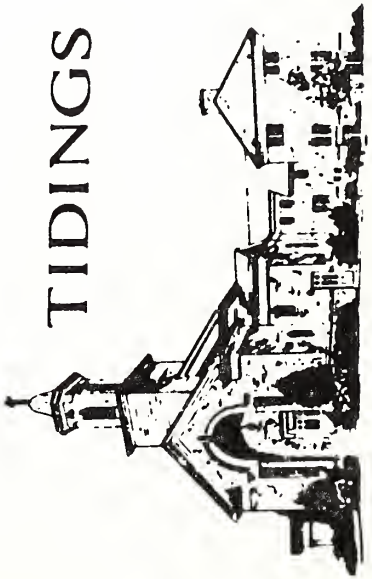

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following persons united with our fellowship this Sunday:

Dwight and Carole Davis of 14929 Bluffton Road, 46819, phone - 622-4305, came by transfer from Kendallville, First.

Erin Proegler, daughter of Brenda and John Proegler, of 7814 Amherst, 46819, phone - 747-0843, made her confession of faith.

Paul and Margaret Champion of 437 Rose Lane, 46807, phone - 456-5287, transferred their membership from the Twin Pines Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky. Paul is a chaplain's residency at Lutheran Hospital this year. They have a son, James.

Greg Allen of 4704 Queensbury Drive, 46835, phone - 422-4410, transferred his membership from West Creighton Avenue Christian.

We welcome you each! We're delighted to have you with us!

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Active Parenting is based on the belief that parenting well is extremely important and difficult in our modern society. It asserts that most parents have sufficient love and commitment to parent well, but have not been given sufficient information, skills or support. Join other parents and discover ways that will enhance your parenting skills.

Please call the church office (744-3239) to register so we can order materials. A $10.00 fee will be charged. If you have questions, please call Linn or Dick.

AREA I ASSEMBLY

On Sunday evening, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Area I Christian Churches will hold their annual Assembly. It will be an exciting opportunity, for Chuck (Associate Regional Minister) and Burnell Babcock will be showing slides from their recent sabbatical in Central and South America. From an area full of turmoil and clouded in our imaginations with conflicting reports, it will be unusual and helpful to have a first-hand report from two of our own who were there long enough to bring home realistic impressions and evaluations. We hope attendance from the Disciples will be strong for this meeting.

There will be a short worship service at 7:00 p.m., the slide presentation with a question and answer period 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., followed by Latin American refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Child care will be available on request (744-3239), and we would appreciate an approximate head-count by 1:00 p.m. on the 18th, the day of the Assembly, for the "party" afterward.

We look forward eagerly to having you a part of this gathering!

SEMINARY INTERN CALLED!

Through the generosity of those who have, over the years, contributed to our scholarship fund, we have been able to begin a new program at FCC: the Seminary Intern. You read about this several weeks ago, when the program was approved by the Board.

Jeff Bates, a seminarian at Christian Theological Seminary, will be with us for a year. During school, he will be with us on weekends only. When school is out, he will be with us full-time. Jeff will be doing work that is representative of the whole spectrum of ministerial tasks and duties.

Jeff was born and raised in Indianapolis. He joined the Church of God (Anderson) and went to Anderson College for his undergraduate work. However, upon entering seminary, he became a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is now a second year seminarian. He has worked previously in a number of churches, most recently at Meadlawn Christian Church of Indianapolis as Student Associate.

Please welcome Jeff Bates into our church family!

PRAYER & CONCERN

Ann Pittenger died rather unexpectedly with heart problems last week. Her funeral was Monday with Dick and Helen presiding.

Grady Vanderwall had a serious accident at work with a chain saw, but he is progressing well and expects to go home this week.

Irene Hamman expects to go home this week after surgery at St. Joseph.

Dwayne Klingshirn hopes to be able to go home from Parkview this week. He remains gravely ill. Remember him and Marilyn.

Laurell Cole died on Monday, August 29. Dick had services for him on September 1. We remember his family in this time of grief.

THANKS!

This summer, while Diane Johnson was on half-time (July and August), and during her vacation time, the office was ably and dependably kept operating by Linda Stover. This volunteer service amounts to a substantial financial contribution, but it was also great to have Linda around everyday!

Thanks, Linda. A job well done!

Our family is deeply grateful to all of you who responded to the recent crisis in our lives. Every visit, call, card, dish of food, extra help for the funeral, added work in the office and donations to Kasey's memorial fund has been received as a measure of God's healing love.

In Kasey's memory you were always her home church. When we left for the work at Saturn when she was 5 years old, she threatened to stay at FCC and go with Grandma Harter. Your church was always special to her.

We are also thankful for your well organized staff that can handle the administration of funds that came through wills, bequests, and memorials as capably as FCC does. We trust that Kasey's fund will do much good as it continues to grow and be instrumental in helping others. This outreach is possible because of your good stewardship as a church.

In Christian love,
Steve and Tana Harter

INSTALLATION OF REV. VERNON GRAHAM

On Sunday afternoon September 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2940 South Anthony, Rev. Vernon Graham will be installed as the head of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. He succeeds Rev. Melvin Phillips who retired last spring. The speaker for the Service of Installation will be our own Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm! The Grace Lutheran Choir will sing as will the Festival Choir. The theme for the service is "Many Gifts, One Spirit - United in Love." A reception for Rev. Graham and his family will follow.

Members of the congregation are invited to attend this very moving and ecumenical worship service, which launches an exciting new era of activity for Associated Churches. If it is not possible for you to attend, please remember Rev. Graham and his Board in your prayers as they begin their work together.

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Please use the envelope provided TODAY to mail your SPECIAL RECONCILIATION OFFERING. Let us do something.....however small or large.....to help.

RECONCILIATION WITH GOD THRU CHRIST.

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Christian Literature Week, September 18-24, 1988, +1.

Two Sundays for browsing and shopping for books in our own Fellowship Hall. Give your mind some exercise, some new ideas, maybe a jolt or two. Get into reading, its a great exercise. Aerobics of top quality!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There's no doubt we're into September.....look at the things going on! I enjoyed the Ice Cream Social Sunday (thanks Fellowship Committee) and the Adult Forum on the Lottery (thanks Outreach & Service and Christian Ed).

Two events beyond our congregation deserve our attention Sunday, September 18: 1. Vern Graham's installation, Director of Associated Churches, will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 2940 S. Anthony, at 3:00 p.m. I am honored to have been asked to bring the message. We as a congregation are deeply involved in the ecumenical witness of this fine organization, Associated Churches. All are welcome. 2. The Area I Assembly will be here beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Babcock's slides from their recent trip to Latin America will be featured.

Both of these will be excellent events.

We will soon be into the most beautiful of Ft. Wayne's seasons, autumn. We see signs already.

Have a great week. See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday's sermon will be "On Ambition", based on James 3:13-18.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

New Discipleship Class starts this Sunday, September 18. Follow the signs to the 3rd floor classroom.

Adult Studies Class continues to study "The Bible Makes Sense" in the Parlor.

Harmony Class will meet this Sunday in Fellowship Hall to discuss the format and future of this class.

BAZAAR NOTES

We need plants and herbs for our potting shed station. Now is the time to transplant or make starts from cuttings. Bring in the week before bazaar only. There will be a special table for plants.

We need items for our mini-flea market. No clothes or shoes. Bring in anytime up through October 9. Make sure items are clearly marked for flea market.

All craft donations need to be turned in by October 9. Put in conference room or drop off at office. Remember to fill out sign up sheet in conference room or include this information with your donation - name, can item be marked down, if not sold, do you want item returned.

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE

Will meet Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., at the church. All welcome.

CWF is anxious for your handiwork to make October 15 a big Success.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Dick Mey from Outreach & Service Committee. We now have a beautiful, portable, display board to inform our church members of outreach & service news. Thank you...Thank you...Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: Grady Vanderwall - Lutheran
Irene Hamman - St. Joseph
Dwayne Klingshirn - Parkview

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Helen Sheerin, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Lawton: Opal Perkins. At Home: Ethel Allen, Bob & Esther Clipp, Maude Donohue, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Thelma Swift, Ardith Wrisk, and Roxy Wunderlich.

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10:45 A.M. L. Brey-SW, C. Falbe-NW, C. Hatten-SE, P. Tobias-NE, K. Feeley, D. Miller, M. Piatt, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, M. Westerfield, A. Pittenger

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Keebortz - P. Tobias
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T. Walsh - J. McGrew
J. Church - K. Tobias

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

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7:30 P.M. Neighborhood Task Force Meeting

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Virginia Hanter (25)
Sandra Fannell (25)
Virginia Parker (26)
Dorothy Overmyer (26)
Anabella Kreischer (28)
Burt Long (29)
Ralph Richards (29)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-11-88

Ed & Amelia Truett, 1014 Pasadena Drive; John Scherrer, 3928-7 Newport Avenue; Sharon Odam, New Mexico.

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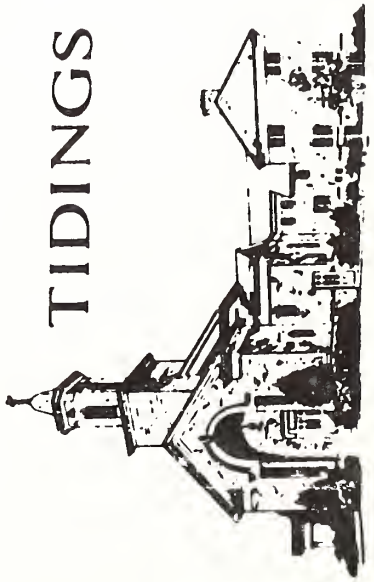

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Get your nimble fingers working, CWF Bazaar is October 15.

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THANKS

Thanks to all who participated in our first bread give away. Thanks to our early birds Sue & Don Oden, John Ohneck, Marlo Quick, Dick Hamm, Judy Church, Sue Brey, and Deb & Curt Miller. Also a special thanks to Jack Lindsay for donating the delivery bags.

NEWS OF FORMER MEMBER

Glenna Chandler is in a new job in New York and living in Connecticut. She is very happy with this position and sends all her love.

CHI RHO will meet Wednesday's from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. for supper and program. All Middle School youth are invited!

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

A new flower chart is up in the Narthex and flowers are needed for the next year. It is a lovely way to add to the service while honoring family members or special occasions. After the services the flowers will be yours. The cost is $15.00. As this is not in the Worship Committee budget, we hope through all of you it will be self-sustaining. Thanks!

If you would like to have your flowers given to one of our shut-ins after the service, please let the church office know, and Helen will be happy to deliver them.

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Bring a friend to Sunday School

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's wonderful to see the Sunday School classes filled with adults and children! So many people have committed their time and talent to make it happen. I hope you are taking advantage of these great opportunities to learn and fellowship!

Recent attacks on freedom of religion in the United States have been a growing concern to me and many others. In the desire to insure a pluralistic society, the courts have sometimes gone overboard to, in effect, eliminate religious rights and practice. Unfortunately, the various religious groups in the U.S., as philosophically and theologically far-flung as they are, have often been unable to help one another support the great principle of the First Amendment in the face of the attacks of secularists.

Therefore, I was heartened to read recently that religious groups from the left and right, Christian's, Jews, and Muslins, have come together and agreed on ten general areas, including (courtesy of Christianity Today)

1. That religious liberty, or freedom of conscience, "is a precious, fundamental and inalienable right,"
2. That religious liberty "is founded on the inviolable dignity of the person," and "undergirds all other rights and freedoms in the Bill of Rights,"
3. That the "No Establishment" clause "separates church from state, but not religion from politics or public life,"
4. That the "Free Exercise" clause "guarantees the right to reach, hold, exercise, or change beliefs freely,"
5. That a "common vision must embrace a shared understanding of the place of religion in public life and of the guiding principles by which people with deep religious differences can contend robustly but civilly with each other," and
6. That rights "are best guarded--and responsibilities best exercised—when each person and group guards for all others those rights they wish guarded for themselves.

Each of these points of agreement is worth pondering.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Keep Howard & Darlene Goodrich in your prayers. They have been asked to make an emergency trip to Lesotho, October 2, to assess the problems faced by the church there in the wake of recent turmoil.

NEWS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Northeast Area III Council on Aging, Inc., has a wonderful nutrition program available to seniors 60 years of age and older.

There are 38 nutrition sites, located in the nine northeastern counties of Indiana, where meals are served at noon. Participants are not charged a set price for their meal. Instead, each participant may contribute according to their ability to donate.

The food served in our meals is nutritious, providing one-third of the daily calories and nutrients.

Participants attending a congregate site not only receive a nutritious meal, but also have fellowship and fun with other seniors and friends, enhancing the quality of their life. There are entertaining programs and health-related subjects, such as blood pressure screening and exercise programs.

Home-delivered meals are available to anyone requesting a meal if they are unable to go to a congregate site and unable to prepare their own food. The person requesting a home-delivered meal will be assessed to determine their condition, or may be recommended by their physician.

Income is not a factor. This is a program for all income range older persons. Eligibility is determined only by age — 60 years or older. Call 485-4026 for more information.

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8:15 A.M. Eunice Conrad and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and Don Kampenga

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:30 P.M. Parent's Night Out at Curt & Deb Miller's, 4527 Beaver Avenue

NEXT SUNDAY: October 2 - 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.- Marriage Seminar

BIRTHDAYS October 1-7

Fred Grier (1)
Geraldine Hendrickson (1)
Ruby Pomeroy (1)
Lynn Spencer (1)
Anna Taylor (2)
Bruce Stone (3)
Ruth Bennington (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Brian Hayes (5)
Jean McGrew (5)
Deb Lester (5)
Earl Plummer (6)
Ruby Kolkman (7)
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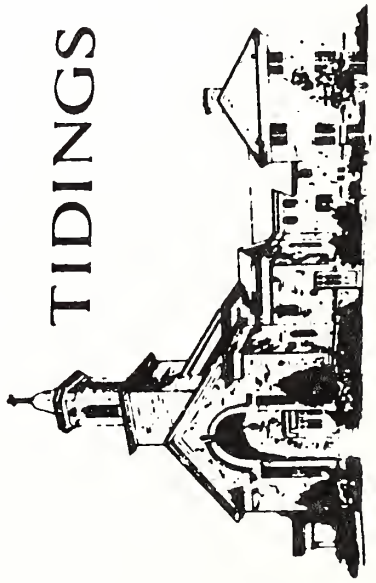

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D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age)

The Ludwigs have invited us to their home, 2722 Glencairn Drive, for an organizational luncheon on Tuesday, October 4, at noon. This will be a potluck, but with ham and beverages provided. Please bring a dish.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (744-3239) by Sunday, October 2.

See you there!

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MISSION CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 8

On Saturday, October 8, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Central Christian, Huntington, Indiana, we will have the opportunity to see and ask questions about what our Basic Mission Finance dollars do around the world and here. An excellent team of leaders from our General Office and Chuck Babcock, our Associate Regional Minister will be sharing with us.

Come see all that is done because you care! Call the church office to RSVP, 744-3239. We will car pool, if you like.

PRAYER SERVICE BEGINS AGAIN, OCTOBER 9

Sundays, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., is the time of our Prayer Service. The format will be a bit different this year, as we will have some guided prayer time. Please plan to come and take part beginning October 9.

JAMAICA: WEEK OF COMPASSION IS THERE

Hurricane Gilbert blew the roofs off of many churches and destroyed thousands of homes. But your Week of Compassion dollars are there providing disaster assistance! If you wish to contribute to this effort, make your check to Week of Compassion and mark it for JAMAICA. The church office will send it on to the Week of Compassion office in Indianapolis.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

There will be a Decorative Christmas Tree Workshop on Monday, October 3, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Hosting this workshop will be Mabel Watson. You will need to bring the following items with you: 8 coat hangers (must all be identical), an ice pick, and 30 trash bag ties.

RSVP to Sherry Lytle at 745-5233.

ELDER'S BREAKFAST, Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.

JEFF BATES' PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Saturday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.

NEEDED: Someone to sign up for flowers on Sunday, October 9. The flower chart is in the Narthex. Thank you.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Proud grandparents, Bill & Jo Franklin, have a new grandson, Patrick William Colligan, son of their daughter Cheryl and son-in-law Stan. 9 pounds, 13½ ounces. WOW!

THANKS

Just a note to thank everyone for their prayers during my recent surgery. Thanks again!

Kim Gross

Thanks to John Ohneck for helping John Perry with the ceiling in the hallway leading to the Nursery.

Words cannot adequately express my deep appreciation for all you have done for me! For a number of years you have provided me with scholarship support, thus easing the burden of financial distress. A number of you have given me encouragement and affirmation. Many more have lifted me to God in prayer. Then if all this wasn't enough, you gave me a beautiful ordination service and lovely reception. You have really shared in my journey of personal growth and work toward ministry since my call to ministry at the Lay Witness Mission in 1974. I count all these precious gifts from the living God!

I commend all those who worked diligently to put together wills and endowments thus enabling struggling students. Their vision and your gifts continue to have far-reaching effects!

Thank you, my dear friends, for your gifts of grace and love!

In Christ's Service,
Andrea Leininger

DID YOU HEAR?

Mike Satterthwaite received a special award for teaching excellence.

John Adams caught a record Tiger Muskee, 48 inches long and 22+ lbs.! -- or did the fish catch him?

CROP WALK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers to register walkers and volunteers to walk the CROP 10k this Sunday, October 2, 2:00 p.m., are needed. Also, you may still sponsor a walker.

The CROP walk is an annual event that raises funds for Church World Service, our national relief agency of the National Council of Churches. The walk will begin at Franke Park.

To volunteer or to sponsor call Dick Hamm at 744-3239.

CWF

The time is almost up on us, CWF needs your help for the October 15 Bazaar.

Dear Friends,

Well, it's about time and I wanted to let you know how glad I am to be here (on the weekends) at First Christian. I am still getting to know my way around Fort Wayne, and I'm doing fairly well at this point. At least I haven't gotten lost yet!

I'm looking forward to getting to know as many of you as I can and will work real hard to remember your names (name tags are a blessing!), but it will take some time. I am open for home cooked meals on Sunday afternoon. That would be a great way for us to get to know each other!

See You on the weekend!

Peace,

Jeff Bates

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

In this age of "localism", "me-ism", and sectarianism, many Christians wonder, "Why bother with denominations?" "Why worry about being a part of, and responsible to, a larger body?" "Why can't we just "do our own thing for the Lord" here where we are?"

There are several good answers to this question, but a couple of the more important ones, to me, follow:

1. The larger body, the denomination, keeps me honest. That is, the denomination lifts up issues that I would just as soon ignore but which are crucial to a full presentation of the Gospel. I need this accountability as an individual minister, and churches need it as individual congregations.

2. So much of the past, present, and future depend on the denomination. For instance, this congregation was started by the larger body. I was educated in a seminary operated by the denomination. I was ordained by the denomination. The Pension Fund of the denomination protects me and my family and other staff members. Our Christian education materials are made available by the larger body. The Board of Church Extension maintains our Memorial Trust accounts. Our youth go to Regional camps and conferences. People around the world hear the Gospel because the denomination sends missionaries. The list goes on and on. There are just so many things that need to be done that we cannot do as an individual congregation.

I commend the October 8 meeting in Huntington (see related article) as a way to see and understand what we do together as the whole Church.

Have a great week!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday, I'll be preaching on "Communing With the Spirit", based on I Corinthians 11. It will be World Wide Communion Sunday.

Music - Singing

For Children, Grades 1-5
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Creative Arts

For Youth
Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8 p.m.

For Adults
Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.
Chancel Choir.
Child-Care Available

Music - Ringing

For Youth
Saturdays - 11 A.m.
unless otherwise noted

For Adults
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m.

Call Helen if you'd like to ring - If Not, just come and sing!

SERVING OCTOBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Wes Westerfield

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Ashton-NW, S. Smith, D. Harter

10:45 A.M. D. Oden-SW, S. Oden-NW, J. Bushey-SE, S. Callahan-NE, M. Piatt, E. Yeoman, M. Mullen, L.Brey

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Ott

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, T. Knuckles

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Megan Callahan & Sarah Feeley

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Mindy Hamm & Sam Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

A new Wednesday morning Bible Study group will begin on October 12, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come. The group will be facilitated by the staff.

Bring your Bible and perhaps a note pad. Coffee provided!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 a.m. Youth Bells
11:00 a.m. Acolyte Training Session and Meeting
6:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out at Curt & Deb Miller's, 4527 Beaver

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Senior High Forum
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
2:00 p.m. Marriage Seminar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Decorative Christmas Tree Workshop
7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck at Ludwig's

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:15 p.m. Chi Rho
6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worships, Grades 1-5
7:15 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at Genevieve Ripple's, 3405 Central Dr.
5:30 p.m. Carillon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. Elder's Breakfast/Study at Charky's Restaurant, South Anthony
2:00 p.m. Mission Conference in Huntington

BIRTHDAYS October 8-14

Eileen Klepfer (8)
Bill Johnson (9)
Joseph Overmyer (9)
Michael Chapin (10)
Candace Cole (10)
Kathy Graham (10)
Mildred Hogg (10)
Doris Koehlinger (11)
Robert Beachley (11)
Gary Parkerson (11)
Anne Lee (12)
Charles Wrisk (13)
Tami Davis (13)
James Bramel (14)
Lorea Kuhlman (14)

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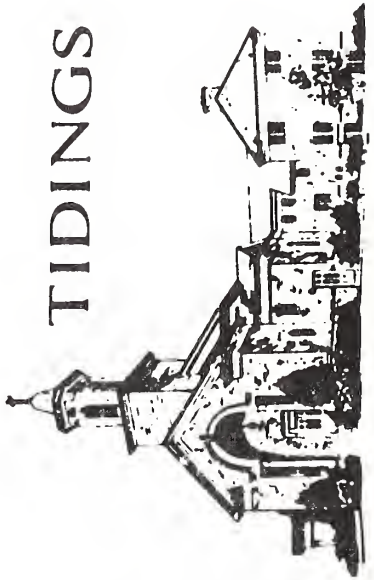

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PRAYER SERVICE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

To paraphrase an old song, "Prayer. Everybody's talkin' 'bout it, nobody's doin' it!" Our weekly prayer service will help you establish a discipline of regular prayer in your life. We will use a somewhat different format than before, including guided prayer.

Come and join us in the chapel this Sunday, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

MISSION CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 8

On Saturday, October 8, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Central Christian, Huntington, Indiana, we will have the opportunity to see and ask questions about what our Basic Mission Finance dollars do around the world and here. An excellent team of leaders from our General Office and Chuck Babcock, our Associate Regional Minister will be sharing with us.

Come see all that is done because you care! Call the church office to RSVP, 744-3239. We will car pool, if you life. Meet in our church parking lot at 1:15 to car pool.

NEW BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN!

A new study, led by staff, will begin meeting on Wednesday mornings, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., beginning Wednesday, October 12. If we need to move it up a half hour or so for those wishing to come before work, let Dick know! We'll meet in the kitchen with coffee and donuts.

Bring a Bible and an open mind!

Week of the Ministry

Ministry For Service

WEEK OF MINISTRY

This year's Week of Ministry theme, "Ministry For Service," emphasizes the servant ministry to which all Christians are called. The life and ministry of Jesus provide the inspiration and model for this ministry.

ELDERS' MEETING

ELDER'S BREAKFAST, Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.

JEFF BATES' PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Saturday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 1988.

"A great thinker used to say, 'If I am hungry, that is a material problem. If my neighbor is hungry, that is a spiritual problem.' Bread for the World is a living reminder that hunger is a spiritual problem and persons of faith need to work together to generate solutions."

BOARD MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 1988.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Don Parlette who is in Parkview Hospital.
Roxy Wunderlich is now at the Byron Health Center.
Helen Sheerin has now gone home from the Regency Place.
Opal Perkins has gone home from Lawton Park Nursing Home.
Maude Donohue is now at the Three Rivers Convelescent Center.

YOU'RE INVITED

To celebrate, the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Reverend and Mrs. Joseph B. Fitch, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception in their honor Sunday, October ninth, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, from three to five p.m. eastern standard time, First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Please - No Gifts.

ALL ABOARD!!!!!! The all church BAZAAR will be chugging into BAZAAR STATION in fellowship hall on Saturday, October 15th, and we don't want anyone to miss out on the fun. The train station will have many interesting shops and the dining car will be open to serve coffee and sweets in the morning and a snack luncheon. The BAZAAR will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to participate.

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS - The Senior Citizen Center, 233 Main Street, is offering Flu Innoculations, October 18, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. cost $3.50. Co-sponsored with the Board of Health.

Youth Bells will meet October 15 from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. There will be no youth Bells on October 8.

The CWF is depending on YOU to make a big display of handiwork for the Bazaar, Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars. All Church Halloween Party. Come in costume. 6:30-8:00pm Games, prizes, fun galore

Chi Rho

watch for details:

HAY RIDE OCTOBER 28

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This is the "Week of the Ministry" in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is a time to lift up the ministry and ministers of the Church. I want to use it as a time to express appreciation to all our staff at First Christian.

Helen Donnell has been with us four years. She has her degrees in music and has directed choirs in several churches as well as several community choirs. She has done numerous continuing education events in music and worship and has a full unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. She is licensed by the Christian Church in Indiana and serves us in the areas of music, worship, and pastoral care.

Linn Bartling has her degree in education and has done numerous continuing education events in Christian education. She has been with us eight months. She is now in the process of being licensed by the Christian Church in Indiana. She has served as CE Director in a number of congregations, and is a member of the United Church of Christ (like Helen). She serves us primarily in Christian Education, Fellowship, and administration.

Jeff Bates is our brand new Seminary intern. He is a student at Christian Theological Seminary and will be with us throughout the year. He is here on weekends when school is in, and will be full--time when school is out. Jeff is working in the whole range of ministry as the year unfolds.

Jerry Zimmerman has been our organist for ten (?) years. His regular work is with GTE Corporation, but he spends many hours each week in practice and rehearsal. He brings out all that our organ has to give!

Diane Johnson has been with us nine (?) years. She is one of those "can do" people. Diane does a multitude of tasks, copes with crises, and works with staff and volunteers in an even tempered, business--like, but delightful way. We are truly blessed to have her in the front office!

John Perry has been with us four years. John's helpfulness is becoming legendary! The cleanliness of the facilities speaks for itself. John has done all kinds of maintenance work and he brings those various talents and skills to us.

This is a great staff! I half--jokingly like to say, "This is my kind of staff -- obsessive compulsive to a person!" We do want to do it all and we want to do it right!

It is fitting, I think, that such a great staff serves such a great congregation --- because that's what you are -- one great congregation!

See you Sunday.

Love, Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday is "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" It's based on Mark 10:17--30.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: Don Parlette at Parkview

AND OUR SHUT--INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Three Rivers: Maude Donohue. Byron Health Center: Roxy Wunderlich. At Home: Ethel Allen, Bob & Esther Clipp, Cora Ann Harnish, Pearl Heidecker, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

UNKNOWN ADDRESSES: If you know the whereabouts of the following members, please let the office know of their address: Elizabeth Arnold, Bernard Ashe, Robert & Margaret Beachley, Kimberly Borton, Sharon Christoules, James Clausen, Debbie Clifton, Rob Coleman, Sally Cotton, Maxine Day, Cindy Ebetino, Debbie Ervin, Sandra Farrell, Jerry & Judith Ferguson, Deann Halbrook, Rodger Hendrickson, Clarence Hetrick, George & Robin Hosfield, Dean & Marianne Howard, Carolyn King, E. Woodrow Klepfer, Kathy Lee, Sally McMahan, John Merrill, Dorothy Murphy, Mai Pauley, Robert Pauley, LeAnn Penny, Wayne Phillips, Mark Pontius, Stephen Powell, Mabel Shinn, George Skelton, J. Carolton & Glenna Smith, Elva Stephans, Necia Stucker, Stephan Taulbee, Natalie Urich, Susie Watson, Warren & Carolyn Webster, and Monette Wetzel.

SERVING OCTOBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Tobias--SW, K. Graham--NW, M. Snouffer, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley--SW, S. Kerley--NW, M. Knudsen--SE, D. Miller--NE, D. Ross, C. Falbe, D. Kreischer, J. McGrew

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Bryket

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Wester-field, D. Kreischer, M. Westerfield

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Karen Bushey & Sue Stow

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Sherry Lytle

CHILDREN'S TIME

Linn Bartling

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Paul Champion

10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. Elder's Breakfast/Study at Charky's Restaurant, South Anthony

2:00 p.m. Mission Conference in Huntington

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Senior High Forum

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

3:00 p.m. Fitch's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

6:15 p.m. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle

12:45 p.m. Rachel Circle

6:00 p.m. Bread For The World

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Chi Rho

6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:15 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:30 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 a.m. Bazaar

11:00 a.m. Youth Bells

BIRTHDAYS October 15-21

Charles Harshbarger (15)
Edna Vaught (15)
Dick Ashton (15)
Eric Baugher (16)
Herb Baret (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Charles Bynket (18)
Fred Warner (18)
Tim Knuckles (19)
Deanna Rosebenny (20)
Leotha Jones (21)
Sarah Patton (21)

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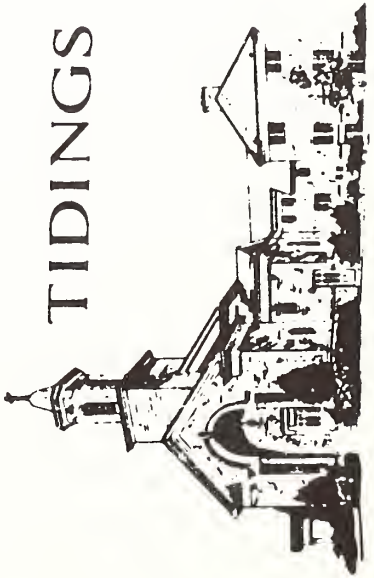

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BAZAAR STATION ARRIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

It's not too late if you still want to contribute to the Bazaar. I'm sure Elinor's BAKE SHOP would appreciate cookies and baked goods. Gini Brown is looking for plants for her potting shed. How about gently used items for Edna's shop. Judy's DOLLAR SHOP needs lots of items, too, priced at $1.00 and under.

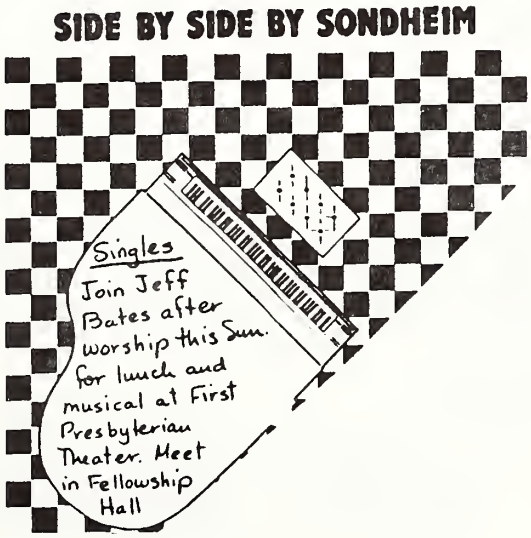
If you have crafts for any of the other shops, please get them in. If you need help getting anything to the church, call Sherry Lytle, Deb Miller, Pat Mullen, or Kris Ohneck.

Everyone is invited to come, browse and check out all the bargains.

Don't forget to stop by our DINING CAR which will be open to serve you at 9:00 a.m.

See you there!!!!

All singles are invited to a special outing at First Presbyterian Church for Side by Side by Sondheim. Several of us on the staff have enjoyed the musical revue of songs by Sondheim and recommend it very highly. If you would enjoy the show and lunch, meet Jeff in Fellowship Hall after 2nd worship. It promises a delightful afternoon. (Prices of show tickets is $6.00).



FUN, FELLOWSHIP, HAY RIDE

October 22, 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Harmony Class at the Weickers. Call Ralph Church or Jack Weicker.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study group is meeting Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., in the church kitchen. There is coffee and donuts waiting for you! Come join us!

COALITION OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS (FORMERLY THE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE) - meets Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the church.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE meets Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

CONCERNS

Don Parlette is in Parkview Hospital.
Esther Clipp is in Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends of First Christian:

To say that Margaret and I were surprised at the gift from your scholarship fund would be an understatement. We certainly never expected it. Perhaps "shocked" would be a good word. In any case, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God continue to bless you richly.

Peace and Love,
Paul Champion

WE ARE GRATEFUL

We are indebted to the members of the Rebecca Circle, to Glenn Miller and the band, and to John Perry, and Lois Finkhousen, and the two Mildred's, for their assistance last week-end, and to all of you who attended, or sent cards or letters. You helped to make our 50th anniversary one that is not easily forgotten.

Phyllis & Joseph Fitch

P.T.A. SPONSORS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FORUMS

The following dates and places will afford those in the Fort Wayne Community Schools District the opportunity to see and hear the candidates running in each election district.

District 1	October 25 at 7:00 p.m.	Franke Park Elementary School 828 Mildred Avenue
District 2	October 20 at 7:00 p.m.	Jefferson Middle School 5303 Wheelock Road
District 3	October 26 at 7:00 p.m.	Lakeside Middle School 2100 Lake Avenue
District 4	October 6 at 7:00 p.m.	Regional Vocational School 1200 South Barr Street
District 5	October 19 at 7:00 p.m.	Geyer Middle School 420 East Paulding Road

PRAYER SERVICE MEETS 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. EVERY SUNDAY

Come and join us for a relaxed time of prayer, meditation, and the kind of fellowship that is possibly only among those who have together lifted their hearts to God!

MUSIC NOTES

The Chancel Choir is happy to announce its officers for the next two years:

Kirk Spencer, President
Rose Gaskill, Vice President (in charge of parties)
Kris Ohneck, Treasurer (pays for parties)
Ruth Bennington, Librarian

It has been absolutely wonderful to have the building overrun with children and youth on Wednesday nights - The children's choir, a part of Creative Arts, and youth choir will be making their debuts very soon. The youth are, in fact, scheduled now for October 16!

The youth bells are making rapid progress, too, and have the basic techniques of bell ringing, as well as their care and feeding!, sufficiently in hand (no pun intended) to have graduated to applying it all to making music. Perhaps by Christmas we'll have two bell choirs ringing!

The year is off to an exciting start. It is a pleasure to thank Jane Walsh and Vee Parlette for their expert help and support with the children and youth --- and Jerry with the adult choir. We also thank parents for driving and bringing the kids to us! This congregation will be richer in spirit because of the gifts of so many whole families to the beauty of worship.

BAZAAR

The countdown has started, Bazaar Date is October 15. We will see you there!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Have you been looking around the church lately? If so, you've been seeing Sunday School classes full of children, and adults. You've been seeing a thriving Wednesday night program with a new youth singing and ringing choirs, lots of children in Creative Arts, and up to 14 Chi Rho youth in fellowship meeting. Things are poppin!!

Now, who have you been inviting to worship and/or Sunday School? You are the key to our continued growth. Most people come because someone they know invites them.

If you have never attended our Sunday evening Prayer Service, I wish you would come and give it a try. The format is very simple. We gather at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel, we share joys and concerns, enter into guided prayer, share a few minutes of prayer aloud (those who wish to pray aloud), and close with a friendship circle at 7:00 p.m. Typical responses of participants are: "I needed that." "I feel so much better." "I feel so much closer to God." Come and join us.

If the Wednesday morning Bible Study group appeals to you, but 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. is not a good time, let me know (or Linn). There may be interest in another group, or a time change may be in order.

I hope you have a great week.

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will have to do with myths surrounding the issue of hunger. I think you'll find a hopeful word, as well as learn some things!

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS - The Senior Citizen Center, 233 Main Street, is offering Flu Innoculations, November 15, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., cost $3.00. Co-sponsored with the Board of Health. (This is postponed from October).

Chi Rho

HAY RIDE OCTOBER 28

Leave church at 7:00 p.m. for Hay Ride and Bonfire.

Return to church for lock-in and constructing Haunted House. Watch the mail for Chi Rho News!

A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to a special reception in honor of Fellowship Guild to be held in the Parlor on October 23, immediately following second worship service. Please join us in this celebration of service and fellowship.

Mark your calendars. All Church Halloween Party. Come in costume. 6:30-8:00pm Games, prizes, fun galore

Youth Bells will meet October 15 from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m.

SERVING OCTOBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Curt Miller and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, M. Ashton

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, P. Tobias-NW, K. Feeley-SE, M. Hamm-NE, C. Hatten, S. Zimmerman, R. Stover, L. Stover

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, H. Banet

JUNIOR USHERS

10:45 A.M. David Hamm & Jason Krull

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - D. Oden

T. Walsh - M. Crouse

S. Hayes - E. Yeoman

C. Miller - S. Oden

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Diane Mory

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dick Mey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

****SHARE THE CARE DAY**** will be on Saturday, October 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 NOON. Dinner served!!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 a.m. Bazaar

11:00 a.m. Youth Bells

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Senior High Forum

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6:15 a.m. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

7:30 p.m. Coalition of South Side Neighborhoods

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Chi Rho

6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:15 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 a.m. SHARE THE CARE DAY

11:00 a.m. Youth Bells

BIRTHDAYS October 22-28

Ted Pfenning (22)

Bill Love (22)

Paula Meadows (23)

Donald Pomeroy (23)

Thomas Mathis (25)

Steve Mullen (25)

Fred Smell (26)

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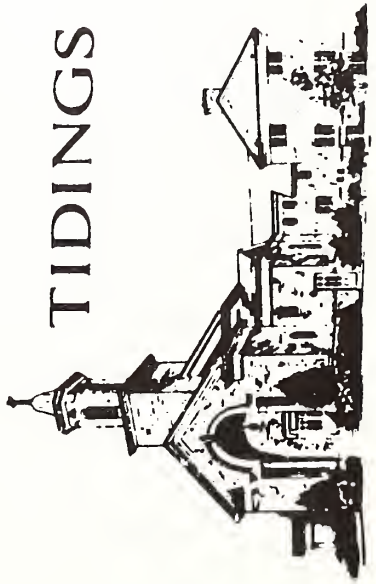

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen with donuts and coffee. All welcome!

The next three weeks' studies will be on the following scriptures (read them in advance, if you wish):

October 19 Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6, Psalms 126
October 26 Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-13, Luke 3:7-18, Isaiah 12:2-6
November 2 Micah 5:2-4, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

If you cannot be with us on Wednesdays, perhaps you will want to read along with us anyway!

We are studying two months in advance of the church year. That is, the October 19 passages are related to the first Sunday of Advent (November 27).

A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to a special reception in honor of Fellowship Guild to be held in the Parlor on October 23, immediately following second worship service. Please join us in this celebration of service and fellowship.

Chi Rho

Leave church at 7:00 p.m. for Hay Ride and Bonfire.

Return to church for lock-in and constructing Haunted House. Watch the mail for Chi Rho News! Permission slips are due October 26.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

GAMES, PRIZES, HAUNTED HOUSE
MAGIC, & GOODIES

OCTOBER 30
6:30 - 8:00 PM

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME
IN COSTUME
ADMISSION: bag of candy &
can of food

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, HAY RIDE

October 22, 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Harmony Class at the Weickers. Call Ralph Church or Jack Weicker.

SHARE THE CARE DAY - OCTOBER 22

You are invited to join others in the care and keeping of the building and grounds. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. A chili soup lunch will be served at noon. This activity will be guided by our Property Committee. Please come and help!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Joseph Fitch is in Parkview Hospital.
Dwain Klingshirn is in Parkview Hospital.

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks for the good cards and letters of encouragement through my illness and hospital stay.

Don Parlette

FOR CYF

If you haven't heard, the CYF here at First Christian Church has been invited to a UNICEF CELEBRATION AT WEST STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH in Tipton, IN. The date is November 5 (Saturday) and November 6 (Sunday), from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m. It will be a lock-in style party and dance that will help fund UNICEF, an international relief fund for children, to send money to hungry kids around the world. Are YOU interested? All you need is $2.50, a sleeping bag, "dancing shoes", and enough cash to eat at McDonalds on Sunday morning. If you are interested, tell us on Sunday, or contact the church office this week or next and ask for Linn or Jeff. We need to let them know how many of us will be coming. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to meet some new people!!

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY WILL BE November 13 this year. As we move toward this date, we will be hearing from several lay speakers on Sunday mornings. The following presentation was made by Deb Knudsen last Sunday:

"How much shall I give to the church?

This is a question that confronts each of us each year at this time as we contemplate what our pledge for the new year will be.

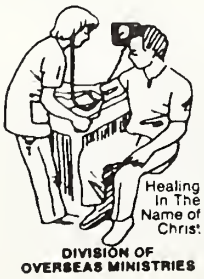
The Bible's standard of giving is the tithe, 10% of one's income. And this is a worthy goal for any serious Christian. Of course, many of us cannot tithe at this particular time, for one reason or another, but we can all think of our giving in percentage terms. If we cannot give 10% of our income, what percentage can we give? As a worthy goal for this year, can we each pledge to give 1% more of our income that we did last year?

The great thing about percentage, or proportionate giving, is that it helps us set clear giving goals for ourselves, and it is fair. The person with a small income who gives ten percent is giving just as much, proportionately, as the person who has a large income and gives ten percent.

Physical fitness is stressed for everyone today, and walking is usually recommended as a good form of exercise. However, just an easy stroll is not enough. Some experts suggest that we spot an object on a distant horizon and walk purposefully toward it.

Giving is very much like walking. Casual donations here and there are the stewardship equivalent of just strolling. Rather, we are called to set a significant goal for ourselves, a goal measured by Jesus Christ and his teachings, and then to move purposely toward it.

What percentage goal will you set for yourself this year? Can you increase your pledge by 1% of your income? If you can, why not do so? It will greatly improve your Christian fitness!"



SPECULATION

Once upon a time two farmers stood in a field discussing life in general. One farmer said to the other, "If you had a million dollars, would you give me half?" The other farmer replied, "Of course I'd give you half!" The first one asked again, "If you had 80 tractors, would you give me 40 of them?" The other farmer replied, "Yep, I sure would."

"Well," asked the first farmer, "if you had two pigs, would you give me one of them?" The other farmer slowly looked over at his friend and replied, "No...I've got two pigs."

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There are so many things going on that are really exciting. Classes, Bible studies, choirs, youth groups (16 middle school kids at Chi Rho last Wednesday!) all going great guns. We are seeing the kind of program and participation we have been envisioning for so long, and that is exciting.

We are now in the last quarter of 1988. Hard to believe, but true. I do need to share one concern with you. We are behind in our giving. This is not unusual, but it is a concern.

I learned back in high school basketball that it's awfully hard to play catch-up ball. Better to stay within "shooting distance" as you go along! Rather than waiting till December to try to catch up on giving, let's try to do it now.

Our program will go better, our staff will rest easier, and our outreach partners will be grateful, too!

Hope you have a great week!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be based on Mark 16:46-52, and will be entitled "Bartimacus."

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE is not meeting on Tuesday, October 25 (on regular committee night), but instead will meet on Tuesday, November 1, at the Ohneck's house.

PARTNERS IN MISSION THROUGH BASIC MISSION FINANCE

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10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Eunice Conrad

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, N. Mennewisch-NW, J. Young, D. Harter

10:45 A.M. D. Ross-SW, J. Franklin-NW, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen, D. Mey, J. Mey, L. Brey, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Schmidt

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, D. Kreischer, T. Knuckles

JUNIOR USHERS

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COMMUNION PREPARATION

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

CWF

Michael Stow & Adam Falbe

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Mary Ashton & Jo Sickafoose

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Bobbi Lindsay

CHILDREN'S TIME

Helen Donnell

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh

BIRTHDAYS Continued

James Shirley (31)
Sharon Eme (1)
Hendis Helmuth (1)
Coleen Wilcoxson (1)
Violet Wuthrich (1)
Joseph Wiley (1)
Judy Church (2)
Audrey Conkwell (2)
Jack Brickley (3)
Donna Chapin (3)
Ruth Stone (4)
Bruce Finkhousen (4)
Jane Walsh (4)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 a.m. SHARE THE CARE DAY
4:00 p.m. Harmony Class hayride at Weicker's

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Senior High Forum
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
12:00 noon Fellowship Guild Recognition Tea in the Parlor
6:15 p.m. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings (Stewardship and Fellowship will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:15 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:30 p.m. Carillon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00 p.m. Chi Rho Hayride - meet at the church - Lock-In afterwards

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00 a.m. Sherwood Pettit Association

BIRTHDAYS October 29-November 4

Deborah Rinker (29)
Hazel Cleaver (30)
Gary Falbe (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
Gus Mueller (31)
Charles Schnobel (31)

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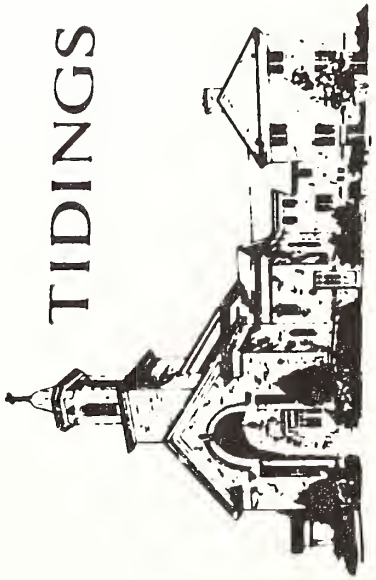

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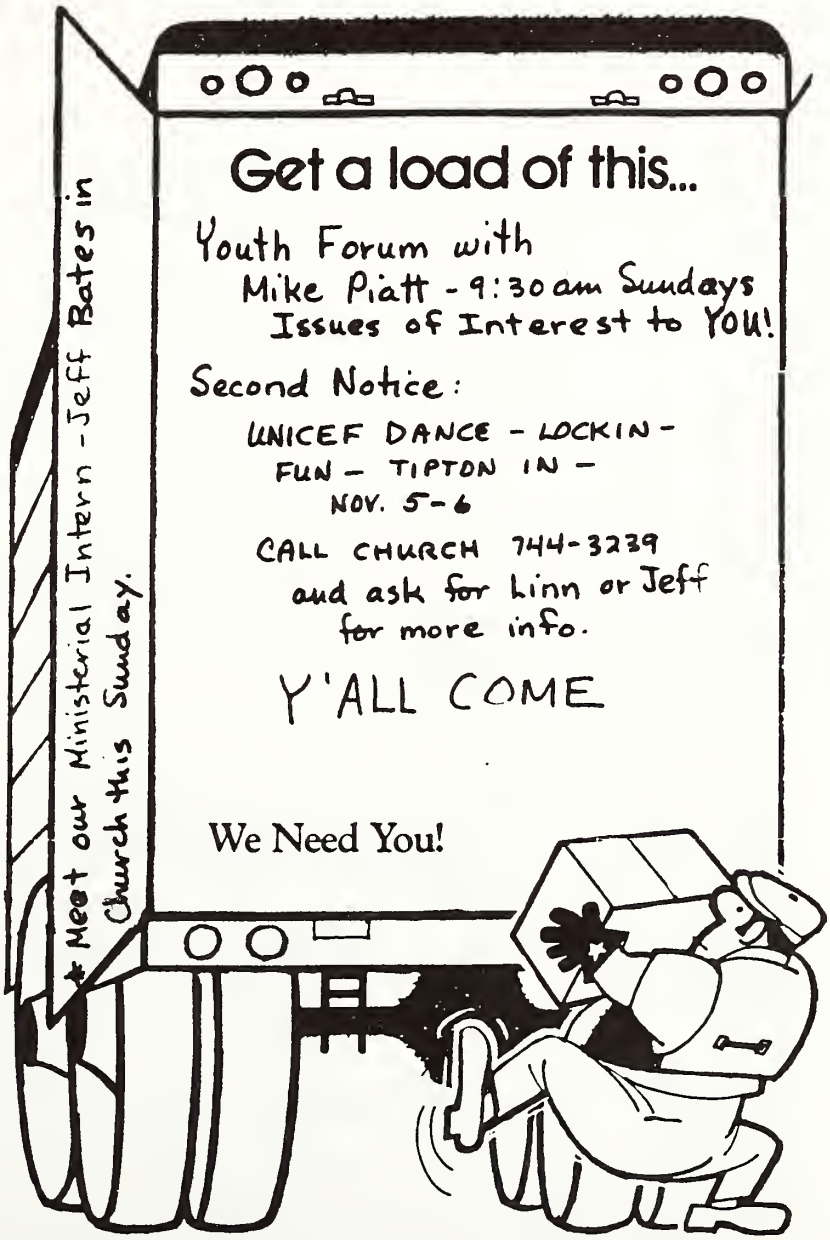

A GIFT

The Fellowship Committee has purchased new high chairs and booster seats for children. The booster seats are available (in the Narthex) for use during worship. Check it out. When little ones can see what's doing on they wiggle less!

ELDERS' BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. at the church.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. at the church.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Joe Fitch is now home.
Maude Donohue died last Friday. Dr. Hamm had services for her Monday. She was 87.
Greg Allen died last Sunday. His services were Wednesday evening at the church.
Esther Whitton is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.
Our prayers and thoughts are with their families.

THANK YOU

The Fellowship Guild has provided a special gift of $2000 to wire the church parlor for air conditioning and supplemental heating. The work has been completed.
Thank you ladies. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Sincerely,
Dick

A "PINK TEA IN THE PARLOR", Perfect Exit for Fellowship Guild.

From the beginning of the impressive worship service with its love gift of roses, to the last sip of pink punch and munching of good cookies, CWF members gave a delightful farewell to the Fellowship Guild members.
We wish to thank all who participated in planning, in preparation, and in hostessing.
The Guild leaves a record of sixty years of church support provided by a long succession of members.
From evidence of the loving service given by members of the CWF circles in Sunday's worship service and the reception in the parlor we know that the work of the CWF continues to reside in capable hands. We appreciate all you do.

The Exiting Fellowship Guild

Thank you members of First Christian Church for the beautiful floral pieces.
Pearl Heidecker

HARVEST DINNER *Sunday, November 13th, Noon, in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! Details later.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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We have all heard the expression "money talks," and perhaps nodded in agreement when it seemed particularly applicable to a situation. The question then becomes, "What is it saying?"

Money talks about comfort, security, luxury, pleasure, leisure, status. It also talks about bare necessities, human dignity, concern, health care, spiritual growth and love. Our money talks. It is about time to consider what it is saying.

Our personal budgets are really theological documents. That is, they speak of what is most important to us. Does your budget reflect your gratitude to God? Does your budget reflect your love for Christ and for others? Can you grow in your giving next year by 1% of your income? These are questions we must each consider what our pledge will be for 1989.

Jesus said it this way, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We hear more and more about men who batter their wives and children. These are not just frustrated, jobless, alcoholics, as one might imagine. The problem cuts across all socio-economic classes and racial groups.

If you hit your spouse or children, you have a problem that you need to face up to. Hitting is not acceptable behavior and it indicates you have a problem. No one deserves to be hit!

There is help for you, however: inexpensive, confidential help. I have come to respect very much an institution in town called "The Center for Nonviolence". Among the programs The Center offers is counsel for violent men (anyone who hits). You need no referral, so you don't have to tell me about it if you don't want to. Just call 422-8082. I beg you to do so!

If you are a woman who lives with a man who hits, you need help as well. Call the Women's Shelter at 447-8666 for advice and counsel.

I hope you were present to hear the bell choir Sunday. They were magnificent!

Who are you inviting to worship? To Sunday School? See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday is "Do You Love God?" based on Mark 12:28-34, and Luke 21:15-17.

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CHANGE OF LOCATION: Harmony Adult Class will meet in the Food Bank Room starting this Sunday, October 30!

Wanted
Tenors!

The Chancel Choir is desperately in need of tenors. If you are one, and are hiding in the congregation, please appear at choir practice at 7:00 p.m. Thursday night. We need you!

The choirs are beginning to work toward Christmas and if you would enjoy making music for this beautiful time of year, you are specially invited to come to Chancel Choir, 7:00 p.m.,Thursdays, or Youth Choir, Wednesdays, at 7:15 p.m.

THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU....

The Bazaar Committee would like to express their appreciation to everyone who supported and generously gave of their time and talents to make this year's bazaar a success. The total earnings are $1,546.84 and plans are made to participate in a bazaar at Calvary U.M.C. on November 12th. Remember, if you have any ideas or thoughts as to how you would like to see these funds used, please let us know. We welcome your input.

SERVING OCTOBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, B. Lindsay-NW, M. Snouffer, K. Graham

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, D. Miller-NW, D. Oden-SE, S. Oden-NE, K. Tobias, S. Callahan, K. Feeley, M. Hamm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, A. Thomas

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, H. Nordblom, B. Haines

JUNIOR USHERS

Jessica Hatten & Kelly Walsh

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - S. Smith
J. Church - B. Lindsay
D. Graham - D. Knudsen
B. Johnson - J. Lindsay

COMMUNION PREPARATION

K. Feeley, M. Ashton, C. Long

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Kathlyn & Herb Banet

ACOLYTES

Michelle Callahan & Christie Glasgow

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Lois Finkhousen & Becca Olson

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Delores Keebortz

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kirk Spencer

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory

10:45 A.M. Sue Oden

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 a.m. Sherwood Pettit Association

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Senior High Forum
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
6:15 p.m. Prayer Service
6:30 p.m. Halloween Party

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee at Ohneck's, 4214 Mirada Dr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
6:15 p.m. Chi Rho
6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:15 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 a.m. Naomi Group
5:30 p.m. Carillon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. Elder's Breakfast/Study
9:30 a.m. Jeff Bate's Pastoral Relation Committee
10:30 a.m. Stewardship Committee
1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 & SUNDAY, NOV. 6

CYF Lock-In at Tipton

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 5-11

Martha Christy (5)
Curt Miller (5)
Alfred Pattengale (5)
John Phillips (5)
Michele Stam (5)
Tony York (5)
Ruby Boxell (7)
James Evans (7)
Cindy Moriarty (7)
Garnet Ford (8)
Ingrid Mosier (8)
Marilyn McDougle (11)
Beth Falb (11)

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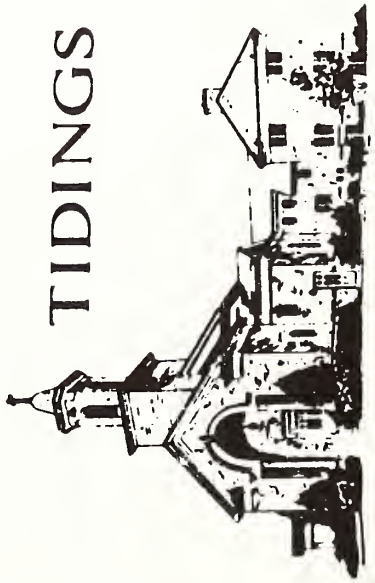

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Lori Bagley transferred her membership from Trinity United Church of Christ in Hanover, Pennsylvania. She and her husband, David, live at 4405 Plaza Drive 46806, phone - 456-7042.

Welcome, Lori!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 6, 9:30 a.m., we will meet in the sanctuary for a brief meeting to act on the 1989 budget as it appears in the VISION 1989 booklet.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13!

As we move toward this special day, I share a story I borrowed from my colleague at Elkhart, Central, Karen Warren. II Corinthians 8:1-15 provides the background.

"A Preacher was making an appeal for funds before a large congregation. He asked the people to bring their gifts to the front of the church as an act of willing and cheerful sacrifice. Many came forward to present their offerings, among them a little lame girl who hobbled along at the end of the line. Pulling a ring from her finger, she placed it on the table at the foot of the platform and then made her way back up the aisle.

After the service was over, an usher was sent to bring her into a side room where the preacher met her and said, "My dear, I saw what you did tonight. It was beautiful. But the response of the people has been so generous that we have more than enough to take care of our needs. We don't feel right about keeping your treasured ring, so we want to give it back." To his surprise the little girl shook her head in refusal. With a look of rebuke in her eyes, she said, "Pastor, you don't understand. I didn't give my ring to you or the church, I gave it to the Lord!"

That's what Consecration Sunday is all about.

HARVEST DINNER

Harvest Dinner, Sunday, November 13, noon. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and beverages furnished by Fellowship Committee. Cost for this portion of the meal is $1.75 for adults and $1.25 for children 10 and under, but no family will pay more than $7.00. The balance of the meal will be a planned potluck with dishes brought according to the first letter of your last name as listed: A-F brings a salad (cranberry or other); G-L brings pies (2 pies--pumpkin or other); M-R brings sweet potatoes (candied or other); S-Z brings a vegetable.

This dinner is always a highlight of the year, so don't miss the fellowship with your church family. New members since November, 1987, will be introduced. Reservations are required in order to ensure plenty of turkey for all, so please sign up at either worship service or call the church office (744-3239) or Kris Ohneck at 447-2833 or 428-6212 by November 10, 1988.

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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JOYS & CONCERNS

Joseph Fitch is staying with his daughter in Chicago.
Hazel Cleaver has turned 95 during the month of October!
Edna Vaught also has turned 94 during the month of October!
Opal Perkins will turn 105 on November 29!

THANK YOU

Many, many, thanks to the following people who helped with the collating and mailing of the vision booklet and the membership directory last Wednesday: Bette Haines, Margaret Champion, John & Jo Weyer, Bill & Joan Franklin, Brenda Kelly, Walter Bowen, Judy Mey, Ruth Yentes, Grady Vanderwall, Sue Brey, Charline Craig, and Rolland & Genevieve Ripple. Also, thanks to Linda Stover for organizing this crew together!

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SPECIAL REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Chancel Choir - 1:00-4:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 5 ---
A once in a lifetime opportunit
The only extra practice all yea
Very Important!

FOUND.....A pair of glasses near the choir room. Call the churc office if you're missing them!

AMONG OUR VISITORS - 10-30-88

Russ Brayton, 7730 Gathings Dr., Sue & Ed Allen, Wichita, KS; Joann Kikly, Florida; Leigh Westerfield, Bloomington, IN; Jim Crouse, Columbus, IN; Honi, Shannon, & Faith Curry.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I don't generally endorse particular candidates, because most elections put Republicans and Democrats against each other, and I do not want to get bogged down in partisan politics.

However, the FWCS School Board elections is non-partisan, and a number of people have asked me for direction in the matter, so I feel free to express my opinions! I have worked very closely with some of these candidates and have taken pains to study the issues and all the candidates. The following is my best thinking, for whatever it may be worth to you:

District 1 (generally northwest Ft. Wayne), Ernie Beal
District 2 (generally north of Stellhorn), Annette Mains
District 3 (generally between Maumee River and Stellhorn), Leslye Mohrman
District 4 (generally the near south east side), Payne Brown
District 5 (generally southwest Ft. Wayne), Carol Guse

Each of these candidates would be active, well informed board members.

In regard to Proposition 1, which regards legalizing gambling in Indiana, I hope you will vote "no." The case for this was made in a "forum" several weeks ago at the church. More information is available, if you wish it.

Have a great week.

Love,

Dick

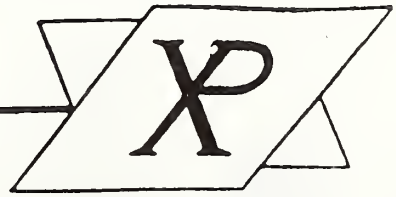
P.S. My sermon this Sunday will be entitled "Places Everyone!" It will be based on Psalm 103 and John 14.

SELF-ESTEEM FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

TEEN ISSUES

DATING DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE

Chi Rho



WHEN: November 12, 1988

TIME: 7:00 p.m. Meet at Church

COST: $2.00

WHAT: Four one-act plays presented by Concordia Lutheran High School

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"The Quiet Place"

"Candid"

"I Saved a Winter For You"

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10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Long-SW, M. Ashton-NW, K. Tobias, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. C. Hatton-SW, J. McGrew-NW, B. Kerley-SE, S. Kerley-NE, D. Kreischer, C. Falbe, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Ott

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, M. Westerfield, E. Nordblom

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Eunice Conrad

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8:15 A.M. Laura York

10:45 A.M. Bryce Stover

BIRTHDAYS continued...

Melissa Orr (14)
John Proegler (14)
Ethel Allen (16)
Thomas Meadows (16)
Bernard Norman (16)
Deb Miller (18)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. Elder's Breakfast/Study
9:30 a.m. Jeff Bates' Pastoral Relation Committee
10:30 a.m. Stewardship Committee
1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

CYF Lock-In at Tipton

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Senior High Forum
9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
6:15 p.m. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle
12:45 p.m. Rachel Circle
6:00 p.m. Bread for the World
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
6:15 p.m. Chi Rho
6:30 p.m. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:15 p.m. Youth Choir
7:15 p.m. Area I Ad Campaign at Saturn

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Carillon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS November 12-18

Jeannie Pratt (12)
Diane Miller (12)
Linda Breeden (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)
Linda Pressley (13)
Jewel Byrket (14)
James Hudlow (14)

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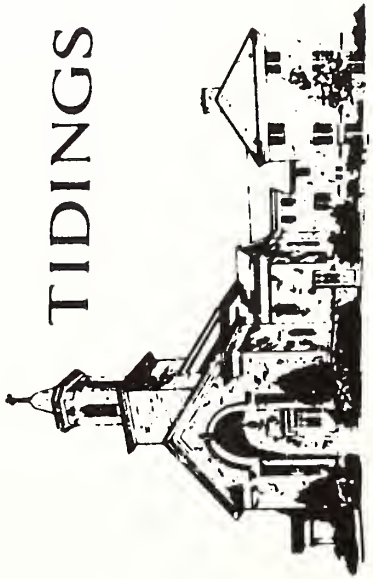

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Sally Rudy transferred her membership Sunday from the Missionary Church. She lives at 4218 Hoagland Avenue 46807, phone - 744-9519. Welcome Sally!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY!

NOVEMBER 13

HARVEST DINNER

Harvest Dinner, Sunday, November 13, noon. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and beverages furnished by Fellowship Committee. Cost for this portion of the meal is $1.75 for adults and $1.25 for children 10 and under, but no family will pay more than $7.00. The balance of the meal will be a planned potluck with dishes brought according to the first letter of your last name as listed: A-F brings a salad (cranberry or other); G-L brings pies (2 pies--pumpkin or other); M-R brings sweet potatoes (candied or other); S-Z brings a vegetable.

This dinner is always a highlight of the year, so don't miss the fellowship with your church family. New members since November, 1987, will be introduced. Reservations are required in order to ensure plenty of turkey for all, so please sign up at either worship service or call the church office (744-3239) or Kris Ohneck at 447-2833 or 428-6212 by November 10, 1988.

GENERAL & REGIONAL OFFICE TOUR

On Friday, November 18, a motor coach will take as many of us as can go to the General and Regional Offices of the Christian Church and to Christian Theological Seminary (all in Indianapolis). Some of us (who can) will want to take a day off from work for this trip -- we want to be there when the offices are open and operating!

This is a real opportunity to see how your church does its work! Meet church leaders; see them in their natural habitat!

The coach will leave the church at 8:00 a.m., and return by 6:00 p.m. Cost: $10.00 or whatever you can afford. Lunch on your own, and we will eat at Union Station.

Please RSVP by calling the church office today at 744-3239. First come first served! Let's fill a coach - or perhaps two coaches!

FOOD BANK

This time of the year we must pause and be thankful for all the Lord has provided for us. We must also stop and think about those less fortunate than we are.

The Food Bank is in desperate need of all kinds of food. If we will just think for a moment of our good fortune and then GIVE: a can of peas, a bar of soap, or a box of cereal, we will feel good about helping an unfortunate one.

GIVE EACH TIME YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY DURING THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Joe Fitch is now a patient in Chicago's Lutheran General Hospital. Keep him and the family in your prayers.

Diane Howard is in Parkview Hospital.

PRAYER SERVICE MEETS 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. EVERY SUNDAY

Come and join us for a relaxed time of prayer, meditation, and the kind of fellowship that is possible only among those who have together lifted their hearts to God! Child-care provided!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

The 1989 Asking Budget was approved Sunday. The budget is detailed in the Vision 1989 Booklet all members received in the mail last week.

ALARM SYSTEM IN PLACE

An alarm system has been installed to alert us when an outside door is opened. The system is connected to the Food Bank door, the double doors on the east side, and the main doors on Calhoun Street. Placards are on these doors to help us remember not to open them at times other than Sunday morning or Food Bank hours. We hope this will provide a bit of extra protection for the building. Thanks to the Franklin's for providing this system!

REMINDER: Opportunities for study and growth on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. include Discipleship Class and Adult Studies. Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. in the kitchen. No experience necessary. Please join us!

The flowers on Sunday, November 6 were given for the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr.

If you would like to give flowers for the worship services in memory of someone dear to you, or in honor of someone, please sign the Flower Chart in the Narthex. The cost is $15.00.

If you would like your flowers delivered to a Shut-In, please let the church office know by Sunday or Monday and Helen or Judy Mey will take them.

We are in need of gifts of flowers for the last two Sundays in November. It is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and to enhance the setting for worship. Please sign-up early to have your choice of Sundays! Thank you.

ADVENT ADVENTURE

November 27

Mark your calendars now and join us for special activities in Fellowship Hall for children at 9:30 a.m. and during extended session. Chili and hot dog lunch after 10:45 service followed by the HANGING OF THE GREENS.

ATTENTION ELDERS: The Elder's Schedule for 1989 will be done next month. If you know of any dates you will not be available, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Judy Church

COALITION OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS meets Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, Sunday is the big day.....the day we make our pledges for 1989. The challenge has been laid out before us very clearly. It's now up to us to each do the best we can do. Come prepared Sunday to be inspired by what you will see and hear!

Liz Johnson, Vice Moderator of the Board, and thus, Finance Committee Chair, did a good job of communicating where our gift dollars go. As she said, "The great majority of our dollars go to ministry, outreach, and program, and that's the way it should be." I feel very good about the efficiency of our organization. I feel even better about the dedication of our membership!

Have you noticed how many visitors we have been having lately? Some of us have been doing a lot of inviting! It's also our responsibility to seek these folks out on Sunday morning to make them feel welcome. It's great to see so many new faces. The word is getting out about what a great Church we are!

Have a great week! I'll see you Sunday for consecration and for turkey!

Love,

Dick

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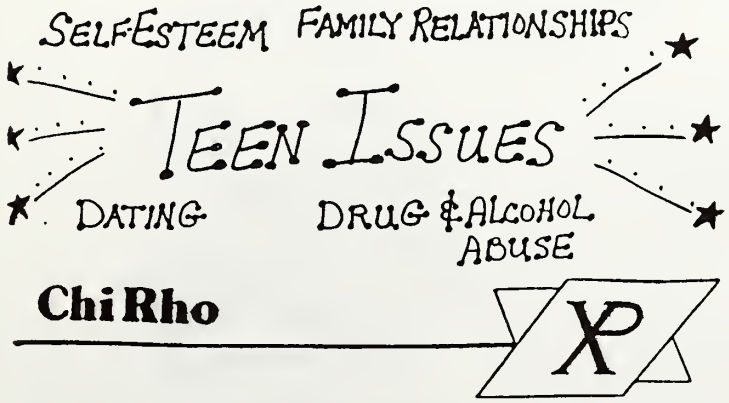
WORD PUBLISHING SAVINGS BONANZA

If you plan to purchase books for Christmas gifts, consider this opportunity. If you buy 2 or more books from Word Publishing before December 31, 1988, at Lemstone Book Branch in Southtown Mall, the church will be able to choose a book for the library. You will need the above coupon.



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E. Conrad - L. Brey
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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Delores Keebortz

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dick Hamm

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Paul Champion

10:45 A.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 P.M. Chi Rho meet at the church to go to Concordia for four one act plays

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Harvest Dinner
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle
7:15 P.M. Coalition of Southside Neighborhoods

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 A.M. Bible Study
5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:00 P.M. Follow-Up Stewardship Calling
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 A.M. Outreach Tour to Indianapolis

BIRTHDAYS November 19-25
Muriel Baker (19)
Ressie Ehresman (20)
Leland Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)
Deb Strickland (22)
Margaret Leversee (22)
Jill Hine (23)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Marlene Crouse (25)
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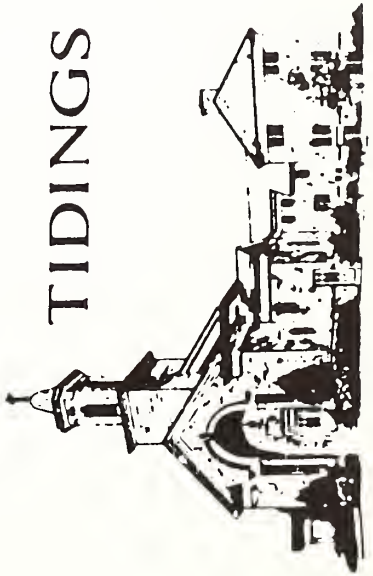

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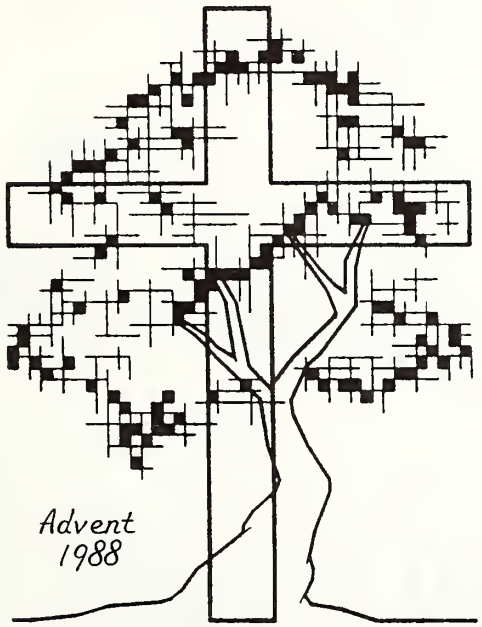
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bruce and Nancy Harman transferred their membership from Faith Lutheran Church. They live at 331 W. Maple Grove Avenue, with their children, Brad & Laura.

Keith Doehrman transferred from St. Henry's Catholic Church, and his fiance Beth Minyard transferred from Statewood Baptist. They plan to be married this summer. Keith lives at 4402 S. Colonial; Beth lives at 2509 Preston Drive 46815, phone - 483-2071.

Welcome to you all!



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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27 - 9:30 - noon Advent Adventure
noon - 2:30 Chili & hot dog lunch and Hanging of the Greens

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4 - Hymn sing - 10:45 worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11 - 5:00 p.m. Choral Service
Dessert Buffet following

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. ALL CHURCH CAROLING
Donuts & hot chocolate after

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Church Family Service
11:00 p.m. - Candlelighting Service

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

December 25 - 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
No Sunday School for children/youth

January 1 - 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
No Sunday School for children/youth

Advent design: John Glasgow

FOOD BANK

PLEASE HELP

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Joe Fitch's condition is unchanged as of this writing. He is in Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster Street, Park Ridge, IL 60668.

Bob Clipp is in Lutheran Hospital and stable.

Janet Weicker's mother died last week after a long illness.

Edna Vaught fell and broke a wrist last week. She is doing fine and has gone to her daughter Agnes's house until after Christmas. The address there is: c/o Richard Stauffer, 2057 Nuremberg Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33983.

Vicky Plemons is a patient at Charter Beacon Hospital.

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to Jim Bushey for the microwave in the kitchen! What a help it will be!

Thank you for all who helped with Fellowship Dinner/Harvest Dinner on November 13.

Also for Aunt Sue's for giving flowers and use of dolls on stage plus the mini pumpkins for tables.

Thanks go out to: Jim & Neva Mennewisch, Marge Thomas, Evelyn Yeoman, Karen Bushey, Charles & Jean McGrew, Opal Carper, Teresa Hatten, Connie Kampenga, and the Chi Rho helpers were Tracy Critell and Jessica Hatten.

We served 230 meals. We had ½ pan of turkey and some gravy leftover. These items were sent to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission for their use. Thanks for each dish and pie brought to share with each other. They made the little extras taste better.

D.M.A. FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to go to the Christmas displays at the Embassy, the Botanical Gardens, and the Historical Museum on Tuesday, November 22. We will meet at the Historical Museum at 11:00 a.m. After the Museum we will "do" lunch at the Window Garden Restaurant, and move on to the Embassy and the Gardens.

Call 744-3239 to RSVP. All are welcome! Get into the holiday spirit!

SECRET PLACE for December, January, and February are in. Pick up your new copy at church this Sunday!

ADVENT ADVENTURE

NOV. 27

Special Activities for Children at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall

After Worship:

Lunch

HANGING OF THE GREENS

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a tremendous day Sunday was! 230 people enjoyed a Harvest Dinner - a record number. Four people joined, and some 300 were in worship to hear the church's story and make their pledge for 1989! Praise God.

My thanks to those who made the Stewardship Slide Presentation "A Family Album" possible: Curt Miller did the soundtrack; Chuck McGrew the title slides; Jack Lindsay, Mike Mullen, and I took pictures; Ralph & Judy Church and the rest of the Stewardship Committee coordinated the whole effort. Many thanks!

My personal thanks to all who pledged so generously. A report will come next week on the results. There are still several to be called on because they couldn't be present Sunday.

My thanks to all those hard workers, and especially Fellowship Chair Kris Ohneck, for a great Harvest Dinner.

Have a great week and I'll see you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

Youth

PIZZA PARTY!

CYF - plan on attending the Pizza Party on November 20 after 2nd worship. Please let the office or Jeff or Linn know if you will be present.

PRAYER SERVICE MEETS 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. EVERY SUNDAY

Come and join us for a relaxed time of prayer, meditation, and the kind of fellowship that is possible only among those who have together lifted their hearts to God. Child-care provided!

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The Junior Sunday School class has just completed a study of Joseph during which we discussed famine, hunger, and what we can do about it.

This Sunday, November 20, this class (third, fourth, and fifth graders) will be going to Krogers at 9:30 a.m. to purchase food for our Food Bank. Please bring $2.00 for grocery shopping. The food will be dedicated with food offerings from other classes during the 10:45 a.m. service.

WANTED: Sequins, glitter, trims for Advent Adventure. While cleaning out for the holidays think of us and bring your leftovers to the office. Thank you.

Linn

LOST: Stainless Steel Pie Pan - 9¼ x 1¼ - if you have taken this home by mistake, please bring it back to the church, or if you know of the whereabouts, call the church office.

INTRODUCING -- Susan Garwood our new Nursery Care Giver. Susan has a degree in Child Psychology from Hollings College, Roanoke, Virginia and moved to Fort Wayne 7 months ago with her husband Jack, and 2 year old daughter, Natalie. Her husband is employed at the GM plant and she has previously worked as a systems analyst.

Susan will be providing Nursery care at the following times on a regular basis: Sunday mornings, 8:00 a.m. - noon; Thursday evenings for Choir practice; Second Tuesday evenings for Church Board; Fourth Tuesday evenings for Committee Meetings; First and Third Monday mornings for Monday Morning Study Group.

SERVING NOVEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Wes Westerfield

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, K. Tobias-NW, C. Long, M. Ashton

10:45 A.M. K. Feeley-SW, M. Hamm-NW, M. Mullen-SE, E. Yeoman-NE, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen, D. Mey, J. Mey

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Bette Haines

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dick Vanderwall

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum

9:30 A.M. Junior Sunday School class going to Krogers to purchase food for Food Bank

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON CYF Pizza Party

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:00 A.M. D.M.A. will meet at Historical Museum

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00 A.M. Bible Study

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 & FRIDAY, NOV. 25

Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS November 26-December 2

Mary Ludwig (28)

Ken Perkins (28)

David Pratt (28)

Opal Perkins (29)

Mary Piatt (29)

James Clausen (29)

Bethel Breeden (1)

COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

AREA I BOARD meets Monday, November 28, 6:30 p.m., North Christian Church.

ELDERS' BREAKFAST meets Saturday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. at the church.

JEFF BATES' PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m. at the church.

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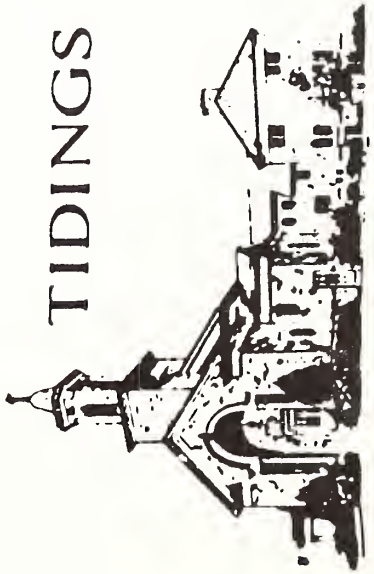

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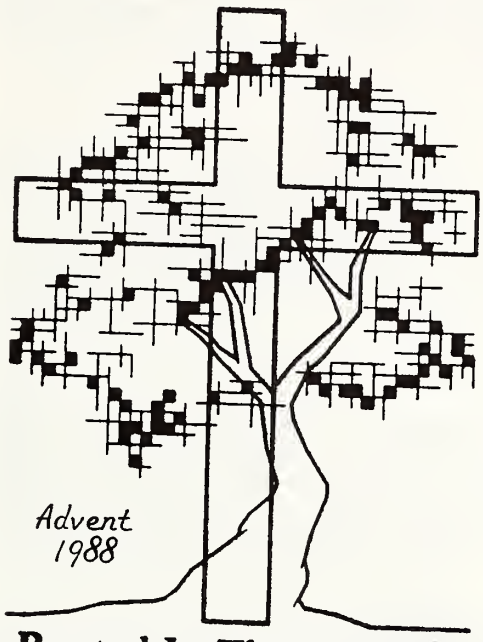

Rooted In The Promise

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27 - 9:30 - noon Advent Adventure
noon - 2:30 Chili & hot dog lunch and Hanging of the Greens

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPECIAL MOTHERS' MORNINGS OUT

$6/ child ($3/child for church members)

Reservations requested but not required Call 744-3239

DEC. 5, 12, 19

9:00 - Noon

Susan Garwood: Child Care Giver

ADVENT ADVENTURE

NOV. 27

Special Activities for Children at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall After Worship:

Lunch

HANGING OF THE GREENS

CONCERNS & JOYS

Joe Fitch remains at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster Street, Park Ridge, IL 60668.

Bob Clipp is in Lutheran, Ft. Wayne in ICU.

Vicky Plemons is in Charter Beacon Hospital.

Charlie Burket had surgery last week, but is home and doing fine.

Grace Truby had eye surgery in Indianapolis last week.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for keeping me and my family in your prayers. We have a great God!! Helen's visits gave much strength. She is truly a lady. Progress is slow. I am presently in progress of chemo and radiation therapy.

Dwayne & Marilyn Klingshirn

You have truly served as the "Hands and feet of Christ" as you ministered to Jack and me, each in your own unique way, during the illness and death of my mother, Anna Thompson. God Bless You All!

Janet Weicker

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The congregation, families, and friends are invited to the annual Christmas Vesper Service involving all choirs at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 11. The service will be followed by a Dessert Buffet in Fellowship Hall.

Bells, carols, candles -- lovely music of the season -- will all be a part of this celebration of the coming of the most exquisite Wonder of them all, the birth of Jesus.

Please plan to be a part of it with all our choirs, singing love in carols with them.

CYF NEWS

I want to thank Tige Hensch for his generosity Sunday when he purchased for me a rubber dinosaur (not a "rubber ducky") that I've affectionately named "Diney". Thanks Tige. Hey, we (Linn, Ken, and I) were pretty impressed with all the input we had into our first meeting at Pizza Hut. It looks like the consensus for a meeting time for now is on Sunday Evenings at 5:30 p.m. And for all of you CYF'ers who didn't make the meeting last Sunday, we have scheduled our second event on December 4 for Bowling! We are planning to meet every two weeks. This week is the Hanging of the Greens - hope we can get together and "hang some!" Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the ol' man's hat.

See you this Sunday!

Jeff

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, as you can see in this edition of Tidings, Advent is upon us! This promises to be an exceptional Advent season as music, liturgy, and preaching, as well as many special services and activities lift us up and help us prepare a way in the wilderness!

Please remember the Thanksgiving Offering for outreach this Sunday. The need around the world is so great!

A dozen of us traveled to Indianapolis Friday to tour the General and Regional offices of the Church, and to tour Christian Theological Seminary. The group was impressed (as I knew they would be!) with the dedicated people and the impressive work being done on our behalf through Basic Mission Finance.

We held an Ordination Council Meeting here at First this Sunday evening for Don Hamilton. Don now lives in Hartford City with Denise (who is minister of First Christian there) and their kids. Don is doing a second year of residency at Howard County Hospital in Kokomo. The Council approved his ordination, so that will happen in January here at First, Ft. Wayne! Congratulations to Don.

Opal Perkins will be 105 years old on November 29. She still lives at home, alone.

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving! See you Sunday.

Dick

P.S. This Sunday we will begin our Advent Adventure with a sermon entitled "Rooted In The Promise!"

Hello. Some of you have been asking me about my abode here in Fort Wayne - so I thought I'd write you a lil' note to let you know where I am. My apartment here is at 1302 W. Washington, Apt. 1. And I would really like to have some company once in a while, but I am afraid you would have nowhere to sit! The second reason for this little note, is to see if there are any people out there who may have some extra furniture (coffee table, lamps, a chair, etc.), that you wouldn't mind letting me borrow during the course of this internship. That way, I would have some place for you to sit! Contact the church office and leave your name and I'll get back with you this weekend. Thanks!

Jeff

AREA I BOARD MEETING: Monday, November 28, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the church (744-3239).

ELDERS' BREAKFAST: Saturday, December 3, 8:00 a.m., at the church.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES for Bible Study: Isaiah 61:1-4; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This Sunday there will be envelopes in the pews for you to use to make a special over and above gift to the wider work of the church. Our goal is $500.00.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of Monday morning, November 21, we have received pledges totalling $160,738.41. These pledges represent an increase of approximately 8% over last year, which is good. We still have about $29,000.00 to go in order to meet our goal for 1989. There are still several members to here from. More next week.

WANTED: Sequins, glitter, trims for Advent Adventure. While cleaning out for the holidays think of us and bring your leftovers to the office. Thank you.

Linn

SERVING NOVEMBER 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Dwain Graham

10:45 A.M. Eunice Conrad and Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, K. Graham-NW, S. Smith, M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. L. Brey-SW, J. Franklin-NW. D. Oden-SE, S. Oden-NE, B. Kerley, S. Kerley, D. Ross, C.Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, A. Thomas

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, T. Knuckles, M. Westerfield

JUNIOR USHERS

Steve Mullen & Sara Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

T. Walsh - M. Mullen

W. Westerfield - D. Oden

B. Johnson - D. Mey

D. Graham - K. Graham

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Callahan, S. Zimmerman, J. Young

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

ACOLYTES

Michael Stow & Kyle Kerley

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Mary Ashton & Jo Sickafoose

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Diane Mory

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Bates

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

PECANS! PECANS!

CWF Pecan order is here. You may pick them up at the church or contact Linda Stover (745-0252) for pick up.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
9:30 A.M. Advent Adventures
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Chili & hot dog lunch and Hangins Hanging of the Greens
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 P.M. Area I Board at North Christian
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 A.M. Bible Study
5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Teacher Meeting
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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BIRTHDAYS December 3-9
Wayne Phillips (3)
Cynthia Akers (3)
Donna Wininger (4)
Neva Mennewisch (5)
Mildred Anruza (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Mary Fanger (6)
Sue Kerley (7)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Clifton Bowman (9)
Wayne Johnson (9)

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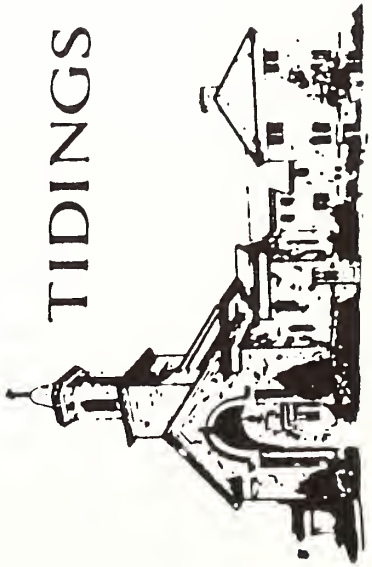

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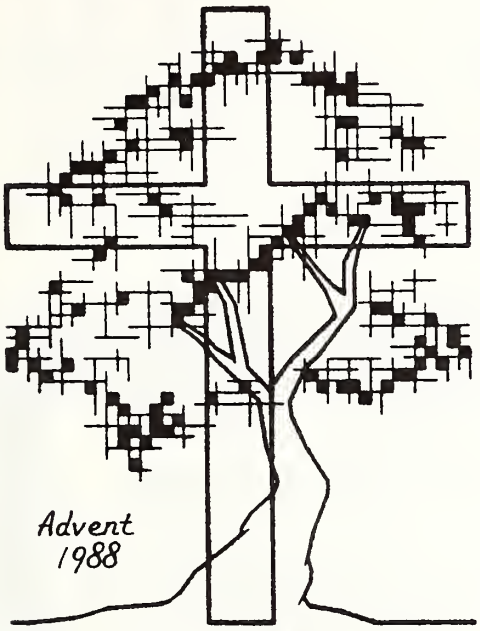

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BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Joe Fitch is home now.
Bob Clipp died this week and we send our sympathy to Esther and the family.
Ruby Boxell broke her leg and is in Parkview Hospital.

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LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES for Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., Bible Study: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, I Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11.

SECRET PLACE: The new quarter's devotional booklets are now available. Pick up your copy this Sunday!

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If you would like to join us, please call the church office, 744-3239, by December 20.

SARAH CIRCLE CHRISTMAS MEETING will be on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

TO ALL CYF (CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP):

This Sunday at 3:30 p.m. we are meeting here at First to go bowling at Hillcrest Lanes. Cost is $1.70/game, plus $1.00 for shoes. We'll probably go out for a pop afterwards (or some hot chocolate if you like) and some relaxed fellowship. Hope you can come! Let us know at Church (Linn or Jeff) on or before Saturday, 744-3239! See You Sunday!

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Advent is the beginning of the church year, as we anticipate the birth of Christ. But why celebrate Advent four Sundays? Isn't that overdoing it a bit?

I don't think so. Our lives are so crowded, busy, harried, and noisy that it is hardly possible for us to hear the angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest!" Our lives have so much darkness within that we can hardly see the faint glow of the star rising in the west to herald the birth! It takes time and energy to turn from our busyness and our noise and our darkness toward the light and the sound and the joy of salvation.

As the four candles around the advent wreath are lighted, one each Sunday, may we be turning toward Bethlehem, so that when the Christ candle is lighted on Christmas Eve, we will be able to enter fully into the joy that is ours in Jesus Christ!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. The sermon Sunday is "Pruned for Growth" based on Luke 3:1-6.

In anticipation of the delivery of its New Life Center this spring, Parkview Hospital will host a public "Baby Shower" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, in the hospital's main lobby. Baby food and formula will be collected for the Emergency Food Bank, sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County and the Daybreak Emergency Children's Center, respectively.

PECAN HALVES ARE HERE....

Four hundred pounds of "Mammouth Pecan Halves" were delivered to the church last week. CWF is selling one pound packages of these very fresh, (this fall's crop), beautifully sized nut meats for $5.00. Your holiday baking will be deliciously enhanced by the flavor of these wonderful pecans. Contact the church office or Linda Stover (745-0252) for pick-up or delivery of your purchase.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

IN THE HOSPITALS: Ruby Boxell at Parkview.

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody, Mildred Tharp. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Byron Health Center: Roxy Wunderlich.

AT HOME: Esther Clipp, Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, and Thelma Swift.

SERVING DECEMBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Kris & John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, N. Mennewisch-NW, J. Young, M. Novachcoff

10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, S. Callahan-NW, D. Kreischer-SE, J. McGrew-NE, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen, R. Stover, L. Stover

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Ott

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield, E. Nordblom, H. Banet

JUNIOR USHERS

Adam Hayes & Rebecca Feeley

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Max & Debbie Knudsen

ACOLYTES

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3:30 P.M. C.Y.F. meets to go Bowling

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle Christmas Meeting

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7:00 A.M. Bible Study

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:30 A.M. Naomi Circle at Dorothy Overmyer's, 721 W. Oakdale

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:00 P.M. Lafayette Association in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY: 5:00 P.M. - Christmas Choral Service

BIRTHDAYS December 10-16

Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Lenelle Ross (11)
Sara Davis (12)
Danny Mory (13)
Debra Stam (16)

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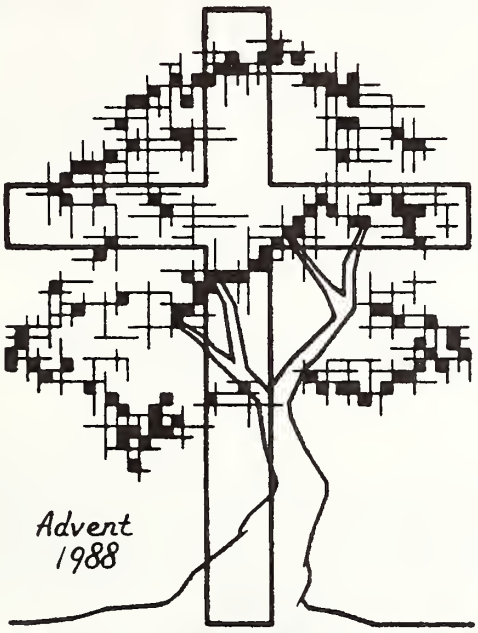

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Chuck and Lauren Ewing transferred their membership Sunday from Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis. They live with their two children, Charlotte and Claire at 6207 Monarch Drive 46815, and their phone number is 493-1587. They have deep Disciple roots. Welcome!

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DO YOU NEED A HOUSESITTER?

Dick has a responsible person to suggest to you for all winter or just a portion of it. Call Dick at 744-3239.

OFFERING OF LETTERS UPDATE

Last spring our congregation participated in a Bread For The World "Offering of Letters" to Congress concerning "Women In Development." Over 100 letters went out from us to our Representatives encouraging the support of a fund to improve the condition of women in International Development Funding.

Thanks to our letters, and the support of thousands like us across the country, Congress established and funded an enhanced Women in Development Program in the Agency for International Development, and provided more funds to two United Nations organizations that focus on women in developing countries.

Our action counts. Congratulations!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Several days of beautiful sunshine have elevated my mood! I don't know about you, but grey skies get to me after a while. I know I'm not alone in this. In fact, scientific studies have found that many people get depressed in the winter months because of shortened daylight and grey skies. I have added lighting to my home and office in order to compensate for the reduced light of winter, and that has helped my attitude (hasn't done anything for my sinuses, but it has helped my mood!).

I think it is providential that Christmas comes right about the time of the "shortest" day of the year! God breaks into our depressions, our darkness, with great light and hope! I realize that Jesus may not have been born anytime near December 25 (this date corresponds to ancient feast days), but the celebration comes right at the right time, if you ask me.

Enjoy the growing light of Advent!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Don't miss the Choral Vespers this Sunday at 5:00 p.m.! Great music, great desserts and appetizers after!

HERE WE COME A'CAROLING!

There are two busses ordered, a north and south route planned on December 18 at 5:00 p.m. Do, please, plan to join us for this happy time of reaching out to others, and meet us at the church at 5:00 p.m.! We will return around 7:00 for refreshments.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Riverview: Herdis Helmuth, Esther Whitton. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Byron Health Center: Esther Clipp, Roxy Wunderlich. Medco: Ruby Boxell. Ossian Health Care Center: Mildred Tharp. Emilyn Flinn: Pearl Heidecker.

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Creative Arts and Youth Choir
Christmas Rehearsal
and Party!
Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Creative Arts - 10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir -- 10:45 a.m.
Special project - 11:30 a.m.
Lunch - 12:00 Noon
Pick--up Time - 12:30 p.m.
R.S.V.P. -- Regrets Only!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPECIAL
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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3:00 P.M. Lafayette Association in F.H.

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8:15 A.M. First Worship

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5:00 P.M. Christmas Choral Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

12:45 P.M. Rachel Circle

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 A.M. Bible Study

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5

7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

NEXT SUNDAY: 5:00 P.M. - Carolling

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Cindy Ebetino (19)

Tammy Ott (20)

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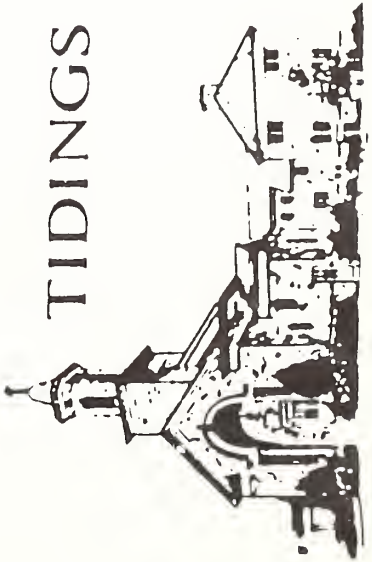

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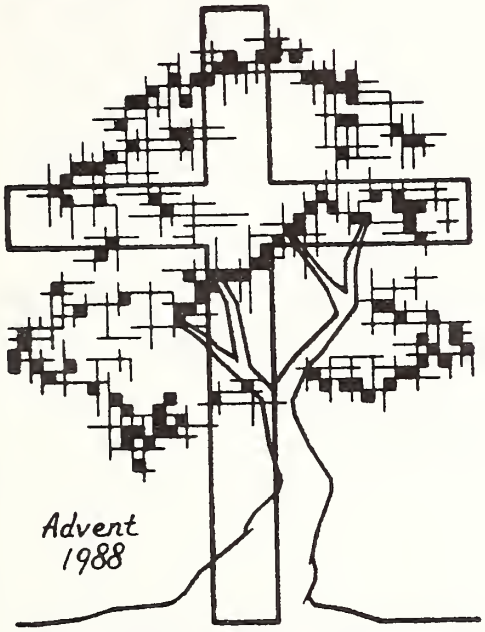

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. ALL CHURCH CAROLING
Donuts & hot chocolate after
Child-care provided

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11:00 p.m. - Candlelighting Service

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Advent design: John Glasgow

HERE WE COME A'CAROLING!

There are two busses ordered, a north and south route planned on December 18 at 5:00 p.m. Do, please, plan to join us for this happy time of reaching out to others, and meet us at the church at 5:00 p.m.! We will return around 7:00 for refreshments.

SOCK & MITTEN TREE

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CYF - Sunday, December 18, 1:00 p.m. - Mystery Movie and popcorn.

Christmas Offering 1988

Disciples can bring "light and life to all" through the 1988 Christmas Special Day offering for Basic Mission Finance. The caring ministries of National Benevolent Association and the social, economic, and political justice ministries through the Church and Society Department of the Division of Homeland Ministries are focused.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Joseph Fitch has been moved to Parkview Hospital.
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In Memory of Leland Higgins by Mary Higgins
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In Memory of Greg Allen by Ed & Sue Allen
In Memory of Doris Richard by Ralph Richard and Family
In Memory of Romane Cole by Harriett Cole
In Memory of Vada Tatman by Virginia Parker-Reimer
In Memory of Bob Clipp by Bill & Margaret Love
In memory of daughter, Linda Kirtley and a dear friend, Jeanne Feltenberger by Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward
In Memory of Ethel Flowers by Henry Flowers
In Memory of Ethel King, Mel Busse, and Arthur Busse by Lillian Busse
In Memory of Ruth's brother, George Lotz, by Ruth & Paul Yentes
In Honor of Eileen's mother, Mildred Tharp, by Gene & Eileen Klepfer
In Memory of husband and daughter by Mary Wilhelm
In Honor of sons, Tony and Gary, by Tom & Laura York
In Memory of parents by Glenn & Lola Miller
In Memory of brother, Steve, by Donna McEvoy
In Memory of son, Roger, by Don & Sue Oden

GIFTS:

Kate Cullen, Jackie Keller, Dorothy Schmidt, Dick & Judy Mey, Charles & Ardith Wrisk, and John & Jo Weyer.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION

Jackie Keller; Bob & Bev Hendricks; Henry Flowers; Kim, Roger, & Vicky Gross; George & Linn Bartling; Mary Cook; Fern D. Kenline; Mary Wilhelm; Ben, Val, & Larry Taylor; Candace Cole; Carl & Mildred Linn; Don & Sarah Smith.

MUSIC NOTES

There will be no Youth Bells, Creative Arts, or Youth Choir, December 21, 28, January 4 because of school programs and the holidays.

There will be no Carillon or Chancel Choir practices December 29. There will be a Christmas Party for the adult choirs on December 29 at the Wharf at 6:30 p.m.!

Youth Bells, Creative Arts, and Youth Choir will resume activity January 11.

The Carillon and Chancel Choirs will practice on schedule January 5.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES for Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., Bible Study: Jer. 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, I Cor. 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I was listening to the radio in my car the other day, the words of a familiar tune jumped out at me....."There's no place like home for the holidays." This sentiment rings true for me, and yet it is not as simple as it seems at first. "Home" is a rather complicated concept.

There is, of course, in the simplest sense, home as physical place.....our house, our town. But our emotional home may be quite different from our physical home. In 1967, as a college sophomore, I was living in Indianapolis, but at Christmas, my heart was in St. Petersburg.....so I took steps to get my body there also!

In the same way, there is our spiritual home. We may belong to a church where we live, and yet regard some other congregation, perhaps far away, perhaps no longer in existence except in our hearts, as our spiritual home.

So "home" is not, for most of us, a single place. It is several places scattered over the earth and our hearts. But we are all physically here. Instead of longing for past "homes", doesn't it make sense to bring all of those memories and feelings here, where we are? I think there is a significant sense in which we can make anywhere we happen to be home.....by investing ourselves in the place and the people around us. This is true whether the place we happen to be is thousands of miles from our origins or just across town in a nursing home.

Instead of giving all our emotional energy to grieving the loss of "homes past", let us remember them fondly but invest ourselves in the here and now, where we are today! "There's no place like home for the holidays," and for the time being, at least, this is home.....wherever you are reading these words! The people around you are now your hometown folks.

Say! If you missed the Christmas Vespers, you missed something great! I hope you were there!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be "What In The World is God Doing?" You may wish to re-read the story of the angels and the shepherds around Bethlehem.

P.S.S. I hope you will be especially generous with the special Christmas offering for Basic Mission Finance. The need is especially great this year!

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

Send your Christmas greetings to our church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two attractive banners located in the Narthex, and relayed to everyone in the Tidings. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to Basic Mission Finance. Sign one card, include your donation (if check make payable to First Christian Church) and send or bring it to the church office. This is our "special over and above love gift" to Basic Mission Finance.

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

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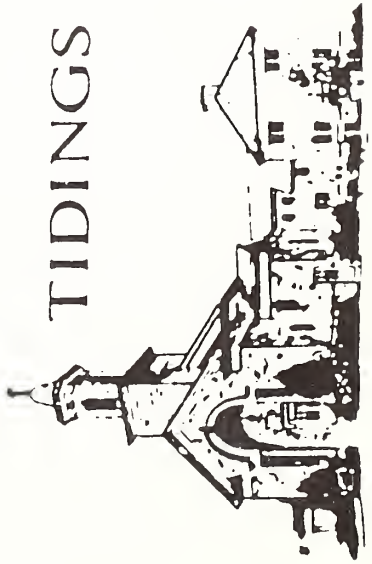

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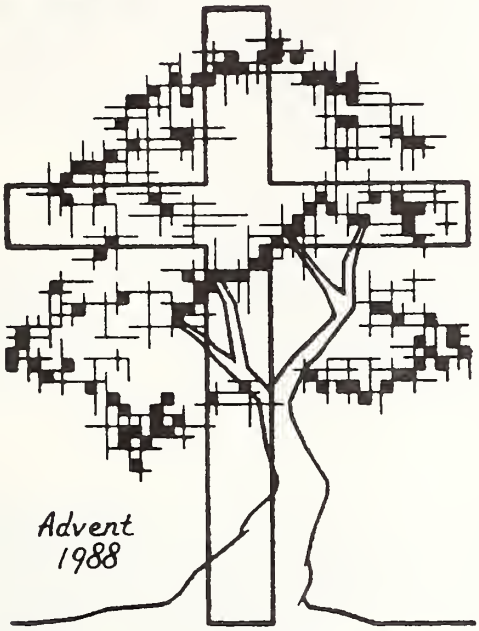

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The 11:00 p.m. service will be a candlelight-communion service with the Chancel Choir singing.

Sam Smith, cellist, will be playing the Prelude so you might want to be here early to hear the special music of the season. There will be many carols to sing in this, one of the loveliest services of the year.

Please come and worship on Christmas Eve at the service of your choice, and please remember that there will be only one service on Christmas Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Tim Knuckles and Laurie are the parents of Michael Alan, born December 12, 21½" long and 9 lbs. 4 oz.! Congratulations!

Joseph Fitch's funeral was Tuesday, at the church. Our prayers are with the family.

Esther Whitton's funeral was Saturday. We also remember her family.

Barb Finkhousen is in Lutheran Hospital for tests, as of this writing (Monday).

Bert & Margaret Leversee have a new great-grandson born in Lakewood, Ohio last week. Congratulations!

ACTIVE PARENTING

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CHEAP NIGHT OUT - JANUARY 14!

Formerly Parents' Night Out (we want non-parents to feel free to come too), the next Cheap Night Out will be Saturday, January 1, at the Meys', 10330 Tillman Road (just go east on Tillman, one mile east of the overpass that is part of the new by-pass). Plan to bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert. Call Judy Mey, 493-3993, or the church office, 744-3239, to RSVP.

Oh, the Meys' house is brown and on the south side of the road. Come and have a good time!

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Linn and Jeff

P.S. Cost will be around $50.00.

Now there is some place for you to sit when you come over to visit me at 1302 West Washington Blvd.! Due to your generosity, I now have an apartment full of furniture! I want to thank everybody who has contributed one item or another to the "comfortizing" of my place. Now, take a number, I know you'll all want to be first! Come over anytime! (When I'm there, that is!).

In Service to You,

Jeff Bates

Interested in an Exercise Class to work off the holiday bounty? Call Sue Brey, 447-3540, for details.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

In Memory of Arthur Mowery by Mrs. Arthur Mowery and Mr. & Mrs. Al Creager & Family.

In appreciation of Dr. Hamm's prayers and concerns by Ed & Rosalie Hall.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION

Glenn & Lola Miller; Fred & Rychie Smell; Sue & Ed Allen; Charles & Ardith Wrisk; Bill & Joan Franklin; Steve, Debbie, & Adam White; Mary Piatt; Jack & Janet Weicker; Margaret & Bert Leversee; Judy & Ralph Church; The Don Parlette Family; George & Virginia Bruckman; Grace Truby; Colyn & Harold Crowder; Ed & Rosalie Hall; Max, Debbie, Craig, & Sarah Knudsen; Delores Keebortz; Jerry, Sandy, & Mark Zimmerman; Harriett Alyce Cole; Andy Cook; Merle & Betty Grimm; Carole Overmyer; Ray, Linda, Bryce, & Alisha Stover.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 12-18-88

Thom & Julie Guitard, 5111 Forest Avenue; Jared Hall, 413 W. Sherwood Terrace.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Ann Weems speaks to us of Christmas in this poem, "Against Our Better Judgment."

Against Our Better Judgment

We told her she couldn't go;
she was too young
to stay up that late.
She told us that
Baby Jesus would be there
and he was younger than she.
We told him he couldn't go;
he was too old
to brave the cold night air.
He told us he'd rather greet heaven
from the Christmas Eve service
than be found slumped by the TV.
So we bundled them up
against the extreme cold
against our better judgment
and they went out with joy.
My prayer is that those of us who think
that we're in charge of the world and the church
will remember that the stable was filled
with such as these:
those who could not be kept
from rejoicing!

I hope you can join us for worship at 7:00 p.m. (the Family Service) and/or at 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Communion). You'll be glad you did!

The end of the year is near. Please remember the church. With Christmas on Sunday, our already tight financial situation could be made worse. You may, of course, mail your offering to the office.

I'll see you Christmas Eve and I hope Christmas Day. Have a great week and remember to feel the wonder!

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be "Joy", and the service (a single service) will be at 10:30 a.m. May you have a blessed Christmas.

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COME, SWEET SEASON OF THE WONDER

Tapes of the choral service on December 11 are available in the office for $1.50. A really good tape is not possible with the equipment we currently have for recording. These are, however, the best we've gotten so far! If you'd like one, please let us know.

There is no way to adequately thank everybody who helped with the Christmas Vespers. All of the choirs worked overtime in order to give their best, and there were individuals who worked wonders, some having to do it at the last minute: Pat Mullen, head usher; Jack Lindsay, maracas; Barb Busse, flute; Ray Stover, singing with the children; Curt Miller, an outstanding reader; Bob and Loretta Orr, practicing several hours with Jerry on Saturday morning in order to help Dave, home from college to sing with us; ---and especially our accompanists Jerry Zimmerman, Phil Zimmerman, and Valetta Parlette, without whom it would have been much more difficult and not nearly so beautiful!

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10:30 A.M. Eileen Klepfer and Marvin Crouse

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ACOLYTES

D.J. Rinker & Sarah Feeley

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

10:30 A.M. Tom Walsh

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Special thanks go also to Jane Walsh for bringing about miracles with the children's crafts for Christmas, and to members of the Bell Ensemble who were available extra hours for practice.

Thank you, thank you, thank you--
Merry Christmas to all
and to all a Good Night!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Church Family Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30 A.M. Come Double S.S. Class
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS December 25-31
Elizabeth Dull (26)
Carolyn Falbe (26)
Marsha Busse (27)
Tomi Fry (28)
Sarah Smith (28)
John Mathis (28)
Lucile Branstrator (29)
Celestia Walters (29)
Todd McBride (31)

MOTHERS' MORNING OUT

WHEN: First and third Mondays of each month starting January 16, 1989

WHO: Children must be six months of age or older.

COST: $ 3/child - members; $6 - non-members

TIME: 9:00 am to noon. Call 744-3239 for reservations and information

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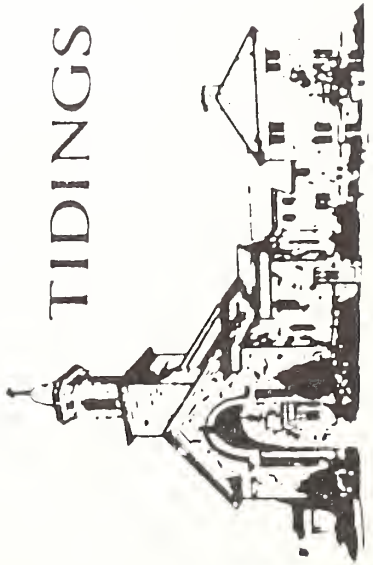

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ATTENTION CYF

Skiing anyone? We are in the process of arranging a ski outing for CYF and Adult Sponsors (Parents, etc.). We'll be going to Mad River Mountain in Bellefountain, Ohio on January 13 and 14. All those CYF age or adult sponsor interestee's should contact us here at the church office so we can begin making some definite plans! Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Linn and Jeff

P.S. Cost will be around $50.00.

EXERCISE CLASS

Interested in an Exercise Class to work off the holiday bounty? Call Sue Brey, 447-3540, for details.

CHEAP NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:00 P.M.

Formerly Parents' Night Out (we want non-parents to feel free to come too), the next Cheap Night Out will be Saturday, January 14, at the Meys', 10330 Tillman Road (just go east on Tillman, one mile east of the overpass that is part of the new by-pass). Plan to bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert. Call Judy Mey, 493-3993, or the church office, 744-3239, to RSVP.

Oh, the Meys' house is brown and on the south side of the road. Come and have a good time!

THE END IS NEAR!

The end of the year, that is! The 1988 church books close January 4, but checks written to the church must be dated no later than December 31 for the IRS to count them as 1988 gifts.

Your end of the year gifts are needed to help us close out the year on an even keel, and thus to begin 1989 in good shape.

Thank you for all you have contributed in 1988. Your gifts are used carefully and prayerfully for the upbuilding of people, the church, and the Kingdom of God.

ELDER'S BREAKFAST - January 7, 8:00 a.m., at the church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - January 7, 9:30 a.m., at the church.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ruby Boxell's funeral was Thursday, December 22. Our sympathy goes to her family.
Don Oden has had surgery and is recovering in Lutheran Hospital.
Hendis Helmuth is in St. Joseph Hospital.
(As of Friday, December 23)

THANK YOU

Thanks to Bill Crouse for painting the restroom next to the children's library last week.

I want to thank the Rebecca Group for my lovely Christmas basket with fruit. It was lovely.

Ruth Norton

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION

Walter Bowen; Martha & Kenneth Hunt; Jim, Rebecca, & Jeremy Stucky; Harold & Ruby; Al & Susan Creager, Shannon Jones, & Scott Creager; Neva & Jim Mennewisch; Earl & Ruth Plummer; Lucille Branstrator; Jack & Bobbi; Gene, Anne, & Jim Shirley; Don, Beth, Lucy, and Albert; Edna & Harold Nordblom; Chris Starkey; Judy & Dick Mey; John & Julie Perry and Walter Dever; Jane & Joe Wagoner, and Anna Taylor.

Dear Friends,

The Christmas rush is over. There's time to sit back and savor the moments of warmth, joy, and grace many of us have experienced. My prayer for you is that these moments of good will and peace might be extended into the new year and beyond.

Love,

Linn

MUSIC NOTES

There will be no Youth Bells, Creative Arts, or Youth Choir, December 28 or January 4 because of school programs and the holidays.

There will be no Carillon or Chancel Choir practices December 29. There will be a Christmas Party for the adult choirs on December 29 at the Wharf at 6:30 p.m.!

Youth Bells, Creative Arts, and Youth Choir will resume activity January 11.

The Carillon and Chancel Choirs will practice on schedule January 5.

If you would enjoy singing, do please become a part of Creative Arts (grades 1-5), Youth Choir (grades 6-8), or Chancel Choir for youth and adults! We will be so glad to have you.

A PERSONAL NOTE

It has come to my attention that George Wascovich, minister of this congregation from 1956 - 1966, will be retiring on Sunday, January 8, from First Christian Church of Atlanta. The address there is 4532 Lavista Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084.

Dick

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a lovely Advent we as a congregation have shared together. My thanks, and yours I know, go to all of the singers, ringers, players, readers, actors, bakers, etc. that made it was it has been. What a great way to meet the new year!

I want to commend the Active Parenting program to all parents. It is an excellent workshop type seminar that gives you real, practical helps, as well as helping us understand how to be more consistent in our parenting. Try it, you'll like it. Nancy Smith does a great job of facilitating the videos and workbook materials.

As you read this, my family and I will be in St. Petersburg for a few days. It's been a year since I've seen my folks, and that's too long. I'm looking forward to it, as you can imagine.

As we move on through the holidays, I thought this "poem" by Victor Buono might be appropriate (thanks to Fran Miller for passing it on):

LORD, SHUT MY MOUTH

O Lord my soul is ripped with riot,
    Incited by my wicked diet.
We are what we eat, said a wise old man.
    Lord, if that's true, I'm a garbage can.
I want to rise on judgement day that's plain
    But at my present weight, I'd need a crane.
Lord give me strength that I may not fall
    In the clutches of cholesterol...
Let my flesh with carrot curls be sated
    That my soul may be polyunsaturated.
Lord make me strong that I may bear witness
    To the President's Council on Physical Fitness.
About oleomargarine, I'll never mutter,
    For the road to Hell is paved with butter.
And cream is wicked and cake is awful
    And satan is hiding in every waffle.
Mephistopheles lurks in provalone
    And devil is in each slice of baloney.
Beelzebub is a chocolate drop
    And lucifer is a lollypop.
Give me this day my daily slice,
    But cut it thin and toast it twice.
I beg of You on dimpled knees,
    Deliver me from JuJuBees.
And when my time of trial is done,
    And my war with malted milk is won,
Let me be up there with the saints in heaven
    In a shining robe, size thirty-seven.
I can do it Lord if You'll show to me
    The good in greens and celery,
And the wickedness that is mayonaisse,
    And the evil that is hollandaisse,
And deep-fried chicken from the south,
    Lord, is You love me...
        shut my mouth.

See you soon.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Don't forget - one service at 10:30 a.m. on January 1. I wish I could be there to hear our seminary intern, Jeff Bates, preach. But, at least I'll hear the tape!

SERVING JANUARY 1

ELDERS

10:30 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Bill Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:30 A.M. K. Graham-SW, S. Smith-NW, N. Mennewisch-SE, M. Mullen-NE, E. Yeoman, J. Bushey, S. Zimmerman, C. Hatten

USHERS

10:30 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield

JUNIOR USHERS

Sarah Glasgow & Jessica Hatten

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Meys & P. Tobias

ACOLYTES

George Smith & Adam Falbe

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

10:30 A.M. John Weyer

BIRTHDAYS January 1-7
Saleum Phomsoupha (1)
Carole Davis (2)
Linda Hayes (2)
Scott Johnson (3)
Velma Hechler (4)
Andith Wrisk (4)
Tracy Critell (5)
Milas Driver (6)
Sara Mullen (6)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Ken Taylor (7)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Come Double S.S. Class
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
7:00 A.M. Bible Study

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 A.M. Elder's Breakfast/Study
9:30 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting
6:30 P.M. Harmony Class - 12th Night Party at Dick & Diane Mory's

MOTHERS' MORNING OUT

WHEN: First and third Mondays of each month starting January 16, 1989

WHO: Children must be six months of age or older.

COST: $ 3/child - members; $6 - non-members

TIME: 9:00 am to noon. Call 744-3239 for reservations and information

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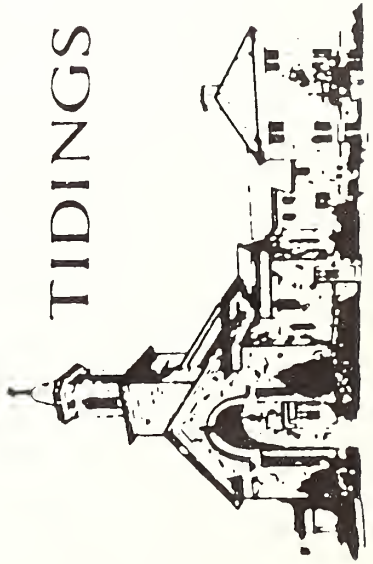

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